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Clinton's China Policy **Under Attack at Home**

Human Rights Issue Is Only One Part Of Complex Relationship, Experts Say

By Thomas W. Lippman

WASHINGTON — Much of the American foreign policy establishment, including three former secretaines of state and other former senior officials of both parties, has turned a collective thumbs down on the Clinton adminsistration's policy of linking trade with China to e Beijing's numan rights performance.

According to them, the policy is counterproductive, harmful to larger U.S. interests in Asia. unacceptable to China and probably doomed

The strong sentiment for abandoning the policy, expressed in the aftermath of Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher's return from a

Mr. Clinton expressed confidence that the China dispute would be worked out. Page 2.

mostly fruitless trip to Beijing to press the or rights issue, could complicate the administration's position as it approaches a June 3 deadline for deciding whether to extend China's trading privileges.

The more domestic opposition there is to the administration's approach, the freer Beijing may feel to continue resisting President Bill Clinton's demands.

At the same time, key members of Congress are likely to oppose any notion of weakening the administration's insistence on human rights

In recent years, Congress repeatedly has sought to write into law a link between China's trading rights and its human rights, but President George Bush vetoed such legislation in 1992 and Mr. Clinton has bought time by adopting such linkage on his own.

At a forum sponsored Tuesday by the Council on Foreign Relations, many participants expressed doubt about whether the administration was really prepared to cut off China's trading privileges over human rights.

Former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger warned that even if China was bludgeoned into making human rights gestures that would allow the administration to claim success for its policy, Beijing was likely to harbor grudges for years to come, potentially limiting Chinese cooperation on other issues such as nuclear prolifgation on the Korean Peninsula.

"How many victories can we afford?" he

Another former secretary of state, Lawrence Eagleburger, said. "If what we care about is a China that respects human rights, the best policy is a policy that maintains as many contacts

s possible."
Yet another former secretary of state, Cyrus R. Vance, said the United States "should not make one interest determinative" in a complicated relationship that also involves issues of nuclear proliferation, the environment, economic development and Asian regional securi-

Mr. Vance served in the administration of President Jimmy Carter, which was the first to make the human rights issue a cornerstone of its relations with other nations.

Participants in the forum agreed that China's neighbors by and large supported Beijing's resistance to what appear to Asians to be efforts by the United States to impose its values on

C. Fred Bergsten, director of the Washington-based Institute for International Economes, said there was widespread support in Asia for China's policy of putting economic development first and leaving political reform for late. This was especially because of the uncertainty in Beijing over who will run the country after the death of Deng Xiaoping, China's senior

A policy that jeopardizes the entire U.S.-China relationship over a single issue makes Washington "a captive of the other side's re-sponse." said Michael Oksenberg, a prominent China scholar and president of the East-West Center in Honolulu.

He said that the Clinton administration will have to choose between "the path of engagement, which every administration has taken since 1972, and isolation from its allies in the

The participants emphasized that they supported the objective of encouraging democracy and human rights in China. Their argument, they said, is with the administration's tactics.

We do have a long-term interest in seeing China become more open and more democrat-

but we won't achieve that" by cutting off its most-favored-nation trade status, said Paul D. Wolfowitz, dean of the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University and a former senior government official.



Jewish settlers praying Wednesday at the grave of Dr. Baruch Goldstein, who killed at least 29 Palestinians in Hebron on Feb. 25.

Arabs Say Army Fire Hit Mosque Crowd

By Chris Hedges New York Times Service

HEBRON, Israeli-Occupied West Bank -Interviews with dozens of Palestinian witnesses support assertions that at least one Israeli soldier opened fire on the crowd trying to escape the massacre in a Hebron mosque last month. and that the army fire killed at least one Pales-

The witnesses' accounts of those chaotic minutes in the early morning of Feb. 25, when a Jewish settler entered the mosque in the Cave of the Patriarchs and began spraying the worshipers with bullets from his assault rifle, vary widely in many details.

But the accounts of almost all of the witnesses interviewed - more than 40, several of

whom were wounded that day and remain in their hospital beds, unable to compare notes directly — have these elements in common: The Israeli soldiers guarding the building

were not involved in the initial attack. • Three Israeli guards fired their weapons in a passageway outside the main exit of the Cave of the Patriarchs as the corridor filled with screaming, bleeding Palestinians.

• Two of the soldiers may have fired only at the ceiling, in an attempt to prevent a stampede. But the third fired into the crowd.

 At least one person was killed by these shots, and at least two others were wounded. These accounts contradict the Israeli Army's

insistence that soldiers never shot at anyone at

the shrine, and that all the killing there was

done by the Jewish settler who opened fire. Baruch Goldstein. All of the bullet casings found inside the shrine, the Israelis say, came from the same weapon. Dr. Goldstein's. Army officials repeated that assertion on

Monday. Questioned about the Palestinian charges, they cited declarations by Major General Danny Yatom, the commander for the West Bank, who in public statements and in testimony before the Israeli commission investigating the killings said that soldiers stationed at the eastern door to the shrine - its main entrance - had fired only in the air to restore order after Dr. Goldstein's rampage.

Israeli officials acknowledge that shell casings were found outside the shrine, on the floor

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He'll Return Golan Heights **To Syrians**

Rabin Hints

He Asks Assad to Make Own 'Painful Decisions'; Pressure on PLO Rises

By Paul F. Horvitz

International Heraid Tribune
WASHINGTON — In an apparent gesture to President Hafez Assad of Syria, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Wednesday that Israelis were ready to make "painful decisions" and "do what is required of us" to achieve peace with their Syrian neighbors.

His statement was made at a news conference with President Bill Clinton in which the Israeli

Rabin's promise on settlements woos back party to gain a parliamentary majority. Page 2.

leader also called on Palestinians to live up to their commitment to negotiate an interim peace

agreement with Israel. In the complex web of Middle East diplomacy, Mr. Rabin's comments could be taken to an that Israel is prepared to give up the

Golan Heights in return for a peace treaty with Syria, Mr. Assad has demanded the return of the Golan, which Israeli troops occupy.

But Mr. Rabin made it clear that similar painful decisions would have to be made by Mr. Assad, presumably an agreement that provides Israel with concrete and lasting security guar-

There must be give and take on both sides," Mr. Rabin said after a day of talks at the White House on Mideast issues. "Painful decisions

will have to be made." We will not compromise on our security. he added. "But we will stand ready to do what is required of us if the Synans are ready to do

hat is required of them. The prime minister's comments may also serve to put pressure on the Palestine Liberation Organization, which could lose considerable momentum and support in its quest for self-determination if Israel and Syria strike an accord separately.

Mr. Rabin made no concessions on Wednesday to pressure from the PLO for major changes in the way the West Bank and Gaza Strip are administered. The PLO chairman. Yasser Arafat, broke off negotiations on an interim peace agreement with Israel following the Feb. 45 massacre by an Israeu settlet

least 29 Arabs in a Hebron mosque. The prime minister, however, did not rule out concessions once the talks on an interim accord are resumed, although he said Israel had already taken "unprecedented" measures, an apparent reference to the banning of Israeli extremist groups calling for the expulsion of

In Jerusalem, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres raised the possibility that Israel would take additional unspecified steps to bolster security for Palestinians in Hebron.

Both sides appeared to be determined to See ISRAEL, Page 6

Norway Cuts Deal With EU, but Hurdles Remain for All Candidates

By Barry James

Its public deeply divided over the prospect, Norway followed Finland. Sweden and Austria on Wednesday in settling terms for membership in the European Union next

> But whether the 12-nation Union is ready to receive the four was in doubt after the failure of foreign ministers late Tuesday to settle a new brouhaha by Britain, the community's traditional odd man out. The British government fears that proposed voting arrangements in the enlarged Union

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will impinge on its sovereignty - a view not shared by the majority.

The foreign ministers will return to the problem next

The EU is revising its policies toward the Eastern nations

to strengthen economic and political reforms there. Page 2.

week, but the delay threatened the carefully worked-out timetable to admit the new members by Jan. 1. Resolution of a dispute about fishing quotas cleared the way for Norway to join. Now the task of governments in all the candidate countries is to persuade their publics to support membership in separate referendums.

This may not be easy. A poli published in the Norwegian daily Verdens Gang on Wednesday indicated that 44 percent of the population opposed membership, only 29 per-cent was in favor and 27 percent was undecided. In 1972, Norwegians narrowly voted against membership after the government had agreed to entry terms, and judging from the poll figures, the same thing could happen again unless

the government makes a convincing case.

The Norwegians fear loss of control over natural re-

sources, like fish and oil, and only concern over being isolated in the Nordic world seems to be impelling them toward EU membership. Inge Lonning, of the European Movement in Norway, warned that if people again reject the union, they may live to regret it because "better conditions than this we will never get." Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland urged Norwegians to "seize this histor-

ic opportunity."

Public opinion in Sweden is also divided over the membership issue. A recent poll in that country showed 52

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U.S. Cancels North Korea Talks **Nuclear Agency Expected to Issue Ultimatum**

By Michael R. Gordon

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - The United States on Wednesday canceled high-level talks with North Korea scheduled for next week and stepped up planning for military exercises with South Korea after Pyongyang's refusal to permit international monitors to complete their

inspection of a key nuclear installation. The actions have brought Washington full circle in its lengthy negotiations over efforts to determine whether North Korea is still working on developing a nuclear weapon.

When North Korea allowed international inspectors to visit its sites last week, the administration presented the move as a breakthrough.

But then Pyongvang prohibited the officials from taking critical samples of radioactive ma-terial inside the plutonium reprocessing facility at Yongbyon. Now, even optimists within the Clinton administration have begun to lose hope that a diplomatic solution will be found to

resolve the dispute.

Envoys to the International Atomic Energy Agency, an arm of the United Nations, are anning to take up the North Korea refusal on Monday at a meeting of the agency's board of

Administration officials said the agency would issue an ultimatum: Let the inspectors

return to finish their work or it will refer the

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A Blunt Italian Separatist Seeks the Levers of Power

By John Tagliabue New York Times Service

MILAN - Umberto Bossi seemed to be warmed less by the loden topcoat that protected him from the Alpine cold than by the fervor of his accustomed conviction.

"I can assure you of this much," the slight. tousled leader of the separatist-minded Northem League told a crowd in the mountain town of Aosta early this month. "We will be the linchpin of any government that is formed in this country.

The elections on March 27 and 28, which Italians view as the most crucial since the 1948 vote that kept the Communists from government at the start of the Cold War, are boiling down to a test between a conservative coalition and a leftist bloc led by the former Commu-

nists, now the Democratic Party of the Left. Mr. Bossi is perhaps the most vocal member of the conservative coalition, which is led by a media magnate, Silvio Berlusconi, Mr. Bossi, a blunt-spoken politician, has gained the most attention by demanding that Italy be divided into three or more republics.

But the Northern League, the movement he called into life in the 1980s, has also provided political cover for the investigators who have undertaken to clean up corruption in business and politics. The investigation has destroyed

ist parties, thus recasting the political land-

From his perch as leader of the Northern League, Mr. Bossi is central to any hope of tackling Italy's vast problems, like overhauling its finances and providing jobs. Mr. Berlusconi acknowledged Mr. Bossi's role when he asked the Northern League to join his Forza Italia movement, named for the sports cheer "Let's

On the campaign trail through northern Ita-ly, Mr. Bossi offered ample evidence of his message: the Northern League brought down the old regime, and that accomplishment gives it the moral authority to define the new.

Although Mr. Berlusconi's fortune was amassed under the old system, Mr. Bossi says the businessman is acceptable as a partner because "no revolution can succeed without part of the old regime being, let's say, recycled." But woe to Mr. Berlusconi if he grabs for too

"What a shame," Mr Bossi says as a crowd roars approval, "if Marie Antoinette, after the French Revolution, got the idea to be queen

A March 3 poll by the Cirm organization put Mr. Berlusconi out front with about 27 percent. with 8 percent for his ally Mr. Bossi. Among

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CLOWNING MOMENT — Three delegates to the International Clowns' Convention in Bognor Regis, England, taking a well-balanced walk on Wednesday. More than 200 of their colleagues have gathered at the seaside resort to get serious about slapstick.

In Burma, Japanese Veterans Seek to Heal War Scars

By William Branigin Washington Past Service RANGOON - The last time Katsushiro Watanabe saw Rangoon, the year was 1942 and

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Newsstand Prices he was a young sergeant in the Japanese Imperi-

al Army.

Wounded by a British artillery shell that blasted the flesh off his left forearm, he was brought to a hospital in this capital, which was occupied by Japanese troops. He remembers lying awake listening to the loud croaking of frogs when the noise suddenly stopped and

British warplanes began bombing. Mr. Watanabe was soon evacuated, although his war was far from over. Now 78, he recently returned to Rangoon with a tour group, his memories and his scars, to pray for his best friend, who died in Mandalay.

More than 50 years later, many Japanese

World War II veterans are returning to visit

hattlefields and memorials across Southeast

Asia. Drawn by a mixture of nostalgia, atonement and a desire to honor fallen comrades. they can be seen at many of the scenes of triumphs and defeats.

As Europe prepares to mark the 50th anniversary of D-Day. Asians also are commemorating events that led to the end of the war in the Pacific in August 1945. In the minds of many veterans on both sides, Burma remains a land bound inextricably with World War II.

It was here that U.S. fighting generals battled

Japanese forces on the Asian mainland - men such as Joseph W. (Vinegar Joe) Stilwell, the first foreigner to lead regular Chinese troops in combat, and Frank Merrill, head of the American commandos known as Merrill's Marauders. The embittered Stilwell, who was driven out

in his diaries as "bowlegged cockroaches," alhis supposed allies. "Pigheaded," "ignorant" and "grasping" were some of his kinder descriptions of Chiang Kai-shek, the Chinese gen-

Thailand, scene of the infamous "Death Railway" to Burma and the Bridge on the River Kwai, visiting Japanese and allied war veterans often give each other a wide berth. "If I saw a Japanese soldier here now, I

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would kill him," a former British prisoner of

of Burma in 1942 before making a comeback two years later, excoriated his Japanese enemies though he reserved his harshest comments for

Some survivors remain bitter to this day. In

the dominant Christian Democratic and Social-

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Pact to Keep Settlements, for Now, Wins Rabin a Majority

By Clyde Haberman New York Times Service

JERUSALEM - While trying to salvage the sagging Middle East peace talks in Washington, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin shored up his political base at home on Wednesday with legislative maneuvers that should bring back into the fold an errant religious party that had left his governing

It means that Mr. Rabin will soon have what he has lacked for months, an assured parliamentary majority, something he says is essential for crucial decisions in the future on peace. It was "unthinkable," he said recently, for the minority government he now leads to take steps on such impor-

As part of the price for winning back the ardently Orthodox Shas party, the prime minister reportedly promised that Jewish settlements in the occupied territories would not be dismantled during the interim period of Palestinian self-rule that he has been negotiating with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In addition, he is said to have written to Asked Wednesday on a Public Broad- to rein in militant settlers, especially in Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights not saying what will happen once we'll without first putting the matter to a nation—have a permanent solution."

While all of that merely restates familiar government positions, the reported pledge on settlements takes on extra significance given the pressures on Mr. Rabin — from Rabin's time in the last few weeks, and it is

But Mr. Rabin has also described the presence of those few Jews among perhaps lems are the flip side of troubles facing 100.000 Palestinians as "an unnecessary Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, who is time bomb," and he has not excluded the under enormous pressure from angry Palpossibility that some day he may insist they

the Shas spiritual guide. Rabbi Ovadia Yo-casting Service program whether he was sef, that he would not agree to a Palestinian ready to order the Hebron settlers to move. state, to a redivision of Jerusalem or to an Mr. Rabin replied: "Not at this stage. I'm

He noted Hebron's demographics and added, "I believe the figures speak for

outside and from within his cabinet — to a sign of how tenuous he considers his evacuate the small but militant Jewish en-political position as he puts Israel's future claves in the West Bank town of Hebron. on the line, He has been ready to give Shas where a settler massacred at least 29 Mus-lims at prayer on Feb. 25. The letter to issues — especially a ban on importing Rabbi Yosel puts him on record as oppos-ing any tinkering with settlements now, a to the coalition it left months ago when its position that presumably includes the temporal leader, Arych Deri, was indicted more than 400 Israelis in Hebron.

on corruption charges.
In a sense, Mr. Rabin's political probestinians not to resume peace talks until he has wrested greater concessions from Israel

After the Hebron massacre, the Rabin government began cracking down on radi-cal settlers, including declaring the anti-Arab Kach and Kahane Chai groups this week to be terrorist outlaws. These moves have intensified anti-government protests all along.
by the political right, which turned out in

As is of large numbers in Tel Aviv on Tuesday night to denounce Mr. Rabin's policies. There were perhaps as many as 50,000 ment power and funds. demonstrators, according to some esti-

All along, the prime minister has sensed he is vulnerable on the right. That feeling grew stronger after Shas walked out, leaving him assured of only 56 votes among the Knesset's 120 members — 44 from his Labor Party and 12 from its leftist ally. Meretz. To his discomfort, he has had to depend on five Arab party votes for a majority on peace issues.

Mr. Rabin's unease with this situation

two weeks ago to bring in a far-right party. somet, but could not figure out how to do it without losing Meretz and throwing the peace talks into even more turmoil than

they are in now. That left Shas and its six parliamentary seats — actually, this was his main target

As is often the case in Israeli politics, the main issues for the religious party were not the PLO talks but rather access to govern-

In the end, it turned into pork-barrel politics, literally, with Mr. Rabin agreeing to a han on nonkosher meat imports that Shas had demanded.

Just before leaving for Washington on Tuesday, he initialed a new coalition agreement with Mr. Deri, and on Wednesday the secular Meretz and Labor politicians reluctantly went along, voting the ban into

Formal signing of the deal awaits Mr. Rabin's return from abroad, but it seems he now can bank on Shas's six seats, giving became plainer after the massacre. He tried him 62 votes and his majority.

WORLD BRIEFS

UN Plans to Lift Serb Siege of Maglai

SARAJEVO (Reuters) — The United Nations plans to lift the nine. month Serbian siege of Maglaj in central Bosnia, preferably with Serbian consent, but using a "more muscular" approach if necessary. UN officials

"We want to open the enclave to aid convoys and freedom of movement with the consent of the Serbs," said a senior military official, "We ment with the consent of the series.

About 20,000 people in the Muslim town of Maglaj have been surviv.

ing on air-dropped food for months. Bosnian Serbs have blocked numerous UN attempts to deliver aid to the pocket by road, most recently refusing permission for a convoy that would have set off on Wednesday.

French Mayor Balks at Inviting Kohl

CAEN, France (AP) — The mayor of Caen said Wednesday that he wanted to invite Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany to a June 6 peace commemoration marking the 50th anniversary of D-Day, but ended up asking only the German ambassador to come.

'Helmut Kohl at Omaha Beach, it's not easy. But at the Peace Memorial of Caen, in the evening, it is natural to shake hands," said

Mayor Jean-Marie Girault.
Mr. Girault met Wednesday with the German ambassador, Jürgen Sudhoff, inviting him to the event but backing down on his invitation to Mr. Kohl. He told French radio he was not authorized to do so. The Veterans Ministry's organizing committee for the events said that only the president's or prime minister's office could decide which heads of state would attend.

Touvier Case a 'Detail,' Le Pen Says

PARIS (AP) — The far-right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen said Wednesday that the trial of the former Nazi collaborator Paul Touvier, which is due to start Thursday, was unnecessary and suggested that the case was a "detail" of France's past.

Mr. Touvier, who served as intelligence aide to Klaus Barbie, the Gestapo chief of Lyon, is the first Frenchman to be prosecuted for crimes against humanity during World War II. He is charged with complicity for his role in the killings of seven Jewish hostages.

"I find it sad that 50 years after the war, we are not capable of pardoning the former German adversary." Mr. Le Pen said in an interview. "France has enough other problems without worrying about the details of its past." Mr. Le Pen, head of the National Front, has often been accused of racism and anti-semitism. His reaction to the trial recalled a 1987 remark that outraged France, when he referred to Nazi gas chambers as a "detail of history." A court fined him for the remark

Brazilian Prisoners Free Cardinal

FORTALEZA, Brazil (AP) - Prisoners who held sharpened spoons to the throats of a Roman Catholic cardinal and human rights activists fled into the woods of northeastern Brazil after freeing the hostages unharmed

In escaping with hostages from a maximum security jail, 13 inmaes broke a deal they made with authorities in exchange for the police providing weapons and an armored car for their getaway. The hostages, including Cardinal Dom Aloisio Lorscheider, a candidate for Pope in 1978, were seized Tuesday during a visit to check on reports of over-

crowding and abuse at the prison.

The police kept their side of the bargain, but the convicts packed the armored car with 13 hostages before they sped away Tuesday night from the Paulo Sarasate prison near Fortaleza. The hostages were later released in small groups as about 120 police officers, including sharpshooters. followed the getaway vehicle. The convicts abandoned it after crashing into a car Wednesday morning and ran into the woods near Quixada. about 160 kilometers from Fortaleza, the capital of the state of Ceara.

70 Killed in New Haiti Repression

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (Reuters) - Almost 70 Haitians have been killed in a new wave of repression against supporters of the ousted president, the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide, officials said Wednes-

Nineteen bodies have turned up so far in March, 16 in the pro-Aristide neighborhood of Cité Soleil, according to an official from the human rights observer mission run by the United Nations and the Organization of American States. Fifty people were killed in February, the official said. "We reckon it's a cleanup campaign." a UN source said. "I think they are trying to wipe out all opposition" to the country's rightist military, the

TRAVEL UPDATE

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines announced 28 more U.S. destinations from

surgeon who died in a 1992 plane crash at New York's La Guardia Airport. The amount was the highest ever for a single death in an American airline disaster.

Complaints from foreign and Chinese tourists about overcharging and other swindles surged last year, but China's National Tourism Adminis-

EU Will Revise Policy on East To Strengthen Reforms There tury by brusquely saying Prague had to be admitted much earlier. BRUSSELS - The European

Union is preparing a wide-ranging overhaul of its policies toward Eastern Europe to bolster economic and democratic reforms at a time of growing uncertainty, officials

The issue will first seriously come up at a special European Commission meeting next Wednesday to consider the need for a review of its priorities for helping Eastern neighbors advance in their transition to market economies.

Commission sources said the meeting would look at such matters as aid programs to the former Communist countries, which have been criticized for concentrating too much on sending Western experts to the aid-receiving countries

BONN - The reversal by Ger-

many's highest appeals court of a

far-right leader's conviction on a

charge of inciting racial hatred by

repeating claims denying the Holo-caust was welcomed on Wednesday

by neo-Nazis and condemned by

Jewish groups as a boon to the

Deckert, chairman of the National Democratic Party, said he was pleased with the verdict, but was cautious about its broader signifi-

cance. "The ruling does not make it

possible to say without fear of pun-ishment that there was no mass

extermination of Jews in the Third

Karlsruhe reversed Mr. Deckert's:

conviction by a lower court in 1992

for translating and commenting on

a speech by an American neo-Nazi.

heim a year earlier that was orga-

nized by Mr. Deckert, cast doubt

on the historical veracity of war

crimes at the Auschwitz concentra-

tion camp. For translating and em-

bellishing it, Mr. Deckert was given

a one-year suspended sentence and

a 10,000 Deutsche mark (\$6,000)

The appeals court said Tuesday

that it was "too much of a general-

ization" to assume that repeating

Mr. Leuchter's assertions mean

The speech, at a rally in Wein-

The Federal Court of Justice in

The far-right leader, Gunter

forces of intolerance.

Reich," he said.

Fred Leuchter.

There would also be discussion of the respective roles of the Union of the Continent opens up, espeand of multilateral bodies such as the International Monetary Fund in providing financial help.

Anxieties about the future are creating a new mood of impatience "waiting room" of Western institutions, not only for the Union but also the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the Western European Union.

Prime Minister Vaclay Klaus of the Czech Republic, on a visit to the commission last week, challenged the generally held idea that the more advanced East European countries could hope for EU membership around the end of the cen-

States, is to be tried separately.

The court dismissed Mr. Deck-

ert's claim that the mass murder of

As trade between the two parts cially in areas such as agriculture where the EU producers have traditionally been highly protected, the EU will be faced increasingly with pressure to make thorough reforms of its own policies.

Farm Commissioner René Steichen said last week the EU must help Central and East European countries to reform farming or risk growing unrest there.

EU foreign ministers have made clear they would like the Eastern countries to speak with one voice by having a single rotating representative to coordinate policy with

Neo-Nazis Welcome Hong Kong Holocaust Ruling that Mr. Deckert was guilty of incidentent to racial hatred in Germany, and ordered a profession nv. and ordered a retrial to re-

Jews in the gas chambers needed to HONG KONG —Chinese secube proven to convict anyone of a crime for casting doubt upon it.

rightist groups, "Finally, a sensible court decision," said Ursula Müller, who with her husband. Kurt, has repeatedly been charged with organizing neo-Nazi rallies near Mainz. Michael Friedmann, a Frankfurt lawyer whose parents survived the

Holocaust, said. The decision is a Local newspapers reported wrong signal at a time when rightwing radicals are trying to relativ-Neo-Nazi and other extreme rightist groups have been repeatedly charged with inciting violence against foreign asylum-seekers. Seven persons, including two

small children, were killed in a fire Admiral Mitropolous arrived in early Wednesday morning in a building in Stuttgart that sheltered about 50 people, many of them foreigners. The police said the cause of the fire was unknown, but

Nearly 80 percent of the world's most serious piracy cases in 1993 occurred in Asian waters, according to international shipping industry records.

Increasingly, pirate activity has shifted northward from the Strait l Malacca between Malaysia and Sumatra, the Philippines' western coasts and the seas between Viet-

Korean Peninsula, China and Taiwan and Hong Kong and Vietnam have become particularly dangerous in recent months with some ships being ordered illegally into Chinese ports, where their cargoes have been unloaded before their

The confidential Hong Kong report, culled from incidents moni-tored by its Maritime Rescue Coordination Center, identifies Chinese police, customs, naval and army officers and the serial numbers of individual patrol vessels involved in the attacks.

Many incidents took place just beyond Hong Kong waters, with the rest farther out to sea



rity forces led nearly half the pirate crime for casting doubt upon it. Still critics of the ruling feared that it could make it more difficult for the authorities to move vigorously against neo-Nazi and extrement told a visiting United Nations maritime official Wednesday.

Of almost 100 incidents in an area recently described as the world's most dangerous for shipping by the International Maritime Authority, 42 clearly implicated Chinese security forces and govern-ment officials, according to the Hong Kong government

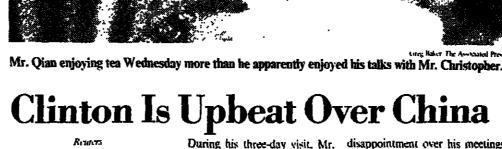
Wednesday that a Hong Kong government briefing for Admiral Efthimios Mitropolous, chairman of the UN-backed International Maritime Organization's safety committee, was the first to detail its deep concerns about China's role in a growing menace to regional ship-

Hong Kong on Tuesday after meeting with officials from China's Communications Transport and Foreign ministries.

nam and Malaysia. The seas between China and the

release was allowed.

thought to be behind up to 95 percent of all cases of hereditary colon cancer, which



Bill Clinton said Wednesday he dangers of linking the two issues was confident the United States and was warned that the United would be able to work through dif- States would suffer as much as Chiferences with China on human

Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher's talks with Chinese leaders this week were marked by a strengthen our relationship and our sharp confrontation over human rights, which Washington says must be improved if Beijing's pref-erential trade status is to be extend-

During his three-day visit, Mr. WASHINGTON - President Christopher was lectured on the na if it revoked Beijing's most-favored-nation trade status.

"I'm confident that we will be able to work through this and advocacy of human rights over the long run." Mr. Clinton said. "That's what I think will happen." In Beijing, Foreign Minister Qian Qichen of China expressed

with Mr. Christopher, but said he hoped that there was still time to prevent the trade issue from falling victim to the dispute over human

"I am somewhat disappointed," Mr. Qian said, "My talks with Christopher have not produced as many results as previously expected." But Mr. Qian said both sides were working hard to find a way to narrow their differences and that he hoped for a satisfactory out-

Amsterdam for the 1994 summer peak season. The carrier also said it would add Osaka, Japan. to its schedule with biweekly flights starting in September. Service to Ho Chi Minh City will also increase to biweekly instead of weekly.

Passenger traffic at Schiphol, the Netherlands' main airport, jumped 11 percent in 1993 to more than 21 million passengers, officials said. (AP) Trains between Hong Kong and Guangzhou in southern China were running normally on Wednesday after workmen cleared a landslide on the track that stranded about 1,800 passengers on two trains for more

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tration has vowed to improve service, the China Daily reported. (AFP)

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A 2d Genetic Defect Is Linked to Colon Cancer

By Natalie Angier

New York Times Service NEW YORK — Keeping up the fast pace that has distinguished colon cancer research over the last few months, scientists have identified another genetic defect able to vandalize healthy colon cells and start a tumor growing.

The newly discovered gene accounts for a large percentage of cases of hereditary colon cancer, as well as many cancers that do not appear to have a familial connection. It is the second example found of a so-called mutator gene, an insidious mechanism for causing cancer.
The discovery follows the first finding

by three months. And the same two competing teams that announced the earlier revelation are claiming credit for simulta-neously detecting the latest gene. Together, the two mutator genes are themselves make up about 20 percent of the 160,000 cases of colon cancer diagnosed each year in the United States. Scientists also have evidence that the genes are responsible for many seemingly spontaneous cases of colon tumors, as well as some malignancies of the ovaries, uterus and other organs. They estimate that

about one million Americans carry one of

the two genetic defects.

Scientists said that within a year, they should have a blood test able to screen for mutant versions of the two genes to alert people that they have a high probability of contracting colon cancer. Once identified. carriers could then be counseled to have yearly colonoscopic examinations to detect and excise tiny polyps before the wartlike growths turn malignant.

By catching colon cancer at the earliest possible stage, researchers hope to make a significant dent in the number of fatalities. About 64,000 people a year die of the disease, making it the second greatest cause of death by cancer after lung tu-But researchers emphasized that the

blood test is likely to be limited for the near future to those known to come from a family with a history of colon cancer, a syndrome formally called hereditary nonpolyposis colon cancer. To fall into this category, a person must have at least two close relatives who have been afflicted with colon cancer, one of them before the age of 50.

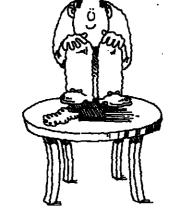
Scientists say the development of an effective test for the broader public will require more work before it will be practical and reliable enough for use by the average physician.

"If you consider all the people who have a mutation in one of these genes, along with their extended families, we're talking about a few million people who, in the best

of all possible worlds, we'd want to test," said Dr. Bert Vogelstein of the Johns Hopkins Oncology Center in Baltimore, "The thought of how to test all those people is mind-boggling, and it way outstrips our current technological approaches to these

Dr. Vogelstein is the senior scientist on the report that will appear on Friday in the journal Nature. The other paper, from the laboratories of Richard Kolodner of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. Dr. Richard Fishel at the University of Vermont in Burlington and researchers from the Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, appears Wednesday in the British journal Nature.

This is one of the most important and exciting things going on in genetics to-day." said Dr. Francis S. Collins, director of the Center for Human Genome Research in Bethesda, Maryland.



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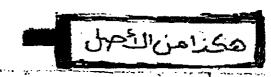
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-LONDON (AP) - Evelyn Nightingale, 90, the first wife of Evelyn Waugh and a model for women in his novels, died Friday. Mrs. Nightingale's friends in-cluded Nancy Mitford, the novelist Anthony Powell and other bright sparks of the 1920s.

Lady Pansy Lamb wrote in The Daily Telegraph that news of her friend's death "takes me back almost 70 years to a vanished world of debutantes, dances, chaperones

and clandestine engagements."
Evelyn Florence Margaret Winifred Gardner was born Sept. 27, 1903, the youngest daughter of Lord Burghclere and the former

Lady Winifred Herbert.
As a young woman, Mr. Powell wrote, she "seemed in her person to exemplify all thought of as most 'modern.' She possessed the looks and figure of the moment, slight, boyish, an Eton crop." She married Mr. Waugh in June

1928 - they were known as "She-Evelyn" and "He-Evelyn." Barely a year later, she informed Mr. Waugh that she was having an affair with John Heygate, who be-came her second husband in 1930.

Mr. Waugh was bitter about the split, and she is the likely model for the adulterous Lady Brenda Last in "A Handful of Dust." Characters in "Scoop" and "Black Mischief" also appear to be inspired by her. Through all their lives, she and Mr. Waugh said little about each other. Mr. Waugh, who died in 1966, once said that he "went through a form of marriage and traveled about Europe for some months with this consort." She, in turn, rebuffed requests for interviews about him.

Kenneth Neill Cameron, 85,

A Scholar of Shelley, Dies NEW YORK (NYT) — Kenneth Neill Cameron, 85, a leading American scholar of Shelley and English Romantic poetry, died of pneumonia Monday.

Mr. Cameron's work as an au-thor and editor threw new light on the life and poetry of Shelley and Sandra Paretti, a Novelist,

Commits Suicide in Zurich ZURICH (AP) - Sandra Par-

etu, 59. a popular German-language novelist, has committed suicide Saturday to prevent further suffering from cancer.

Mrs. Paretti wrote her own obit-

uary, which appeared in the Neue Zürcher Zeitung on Monday, thanking the pro-euthanasia group Exit for its support. "I had an easy and beautiful life," she wrote in her obituary. "Like a Mozart symphony, it led to an easy and beautiful finale, untainted by feelings of

Jiro Enjoji, 86, a former president of the Nihon Keizai Shimbun, a leading Japanese economic jour-nal, died of breathing difficulties Monday in Tokyo, the newspaper said. Mr. Enjoji served as head of the newspaper's economic division, managing editor and chief editor before becoming president in 1968. He then was chairman of Nihon Keizai from 1976 until 1980.

Charles Brink, 86, a classical scholar at Cambridge University and author of a three-volume commentary on the verse of Horace, died March 2.



A RAMADAN SHOWER FOR THE YOUNGEST — Fahd Abdul-Rahman, nine months old, of Kuwait, surrounded by dinar notes worth about \$10,000. The child was the beneficiary of a custom of showering the youngest with gifts of money at the end of Ramadan in his country.

U.S. and Russia Reach Accord On Inspecting Plutonium Sites

WASHINGTON - The United

States and Russia have agreed to permit each other to inspect storage sites where they keep plutonium triggers from dismantled nuclear warheads, U.S. officials said.

The agreement would remove one of the thorniest issues dividing the two nuclear superpowers as they reduce their arsenals. Neither country has ever permitted inspectors into the facilities where it keeps its stockpile of plutonium

American and Russian officials had been discussing a complicated arrangement under which each would have access to some parts of dismantled warheads and would calculate from that how much plutonium had been removed. The new agreement will eliminate the need for such calculations by permitting direct inspection, administration officials said.

American officials told Congress last week that Russia's recent decision to allow Ukraine to inspect storage sites gave them hope that the United States would eventually said the agreement represented

whether plutonium from warheads was being stored safely.

atomic energy minister, Viktor N. Mikhailov, officials said.

The inspection agreement is a

and Moscow have had no way to verify that each was doing what it said it would do, or to check on

The inspection agreement was negotiated by Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary, Defense Depart-ment officials and the Russian

Under the agreement, Russian aspectors will be allowed into the ergy Department's Pantex facility near Amarillo, Texas, and American inspectors will be granted access to Russian plutonium facilities at Tomsk, officials said.

bilateral arrangement, with no role provided for the International Atomic Energy Agency, officials

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are dismantling thousands of war-heads and putting the plutonium triggers into storage while deciding what to do with them. A report by the congressional Office of Technology Assessment in September noted that "the United States has not verified specific

and accomplishments in Russia. and has no direct cooperative process for developing accurate infor-mation about Russian dismantlement status and capabilities."

warhead dismantlement activities

That was a dangerous situation, the report said, because it takes only about 15 pounds (7 kilograms) of plutonium to make a crude nuclear explosive, and the material is highly toxic.
— THOMAS W. LIPPMAN

Yeltsin Foes Unite in New Movement

MOSCOW — Leading opponents of President Boris N. Yelsin, who is out of Moscow on vacation, moved on Wednesday to wrest the political initiative from him by announcing they had formed a united

A joint statement signed by leaders of conservative and nationalist groups announced the formation of a movement called Accord for Russia. Its purpose, they said, was to save Russia from the painful results of radical economic reforms.

in a separate development, former Vice President Alexander V. pitsky told Itar-Tass.

prison against Mr. Yeltsin's will and is seen as a potential presidential candidate, suggested that people in former Soviet republics should consider forming a new type of union.

Mr. Rutskoi did not sign the joint statement but Vasili Lipitsky, a leader of Mr. Rutskoi's Popular Party of Free Russia, was a signato-

'Active consultations are being held with different forces to form a coalition aimed at the next presidential election campaign," Mr. Li-

Mr. Rutskoi said the successor Commonwealth of Independent States could not survive. "We are destined by Lord God himself to live as one family, one nation, one state --- a great power,"

Russia Weighs Space Facility

MOSCOW — A Russian mili-tary commission has begun to as-sess the possibility of building a new space launching facility near the Chinese border to replace the aging Baikonur site in Kazakhstan, officials said Wednesday.

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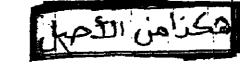
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By Don Terry

New York Times Service

tenkowski, President Bill Clinton's chief arm

twister and cajoler in Congress, has won

renomination in one of the most important

primary elections anywhere in the nation this

The fate of Mr. Clinton's ambitious agenda

of health care and welfare reform was largely

tied to the fate of Mr. Rostenkowski, who has

had to contend with a federal investigation of

his financial dealings with the House post

A beaming Mr. Rostenkowski thanked his

"I'm proud to be soldier in the president's

supporters and promised to work day and

march for change," he said Tuesday night.

Mr. Clinton's visit to Chicago earlier this
month was "a pivotal moment" in the cam-

paign, said Mr. Rostenkowski, who called the

president a "gutsy, honorable, courageous

With nearly all the ballots counted, Mr.

Rostenkowski had 50 percent of the vote,

state Senator John Cullerton had 30 percent,

a former Chicago alderman, Dick Simpson,

had 14 percent, and two others split the

remaining 6 percent.

By David Johnston

New York Times Service

the abrupt resignation of Webster

L. Hubbell, the third-ranking offi-

cial at the Justice Department, his

former law partners in Little Rock.

Arkansas, have tentatively decided

to file an ethics complaint against

him, according to lawyers involved

day that he was resigning as asso-ciate attorney general. He said he

was stepping aside to avoid embar-

rassing his longtime friends, Presi-

dent Bill Clinton and Hillary Rod-

ham Clinton, as he faced an inquiry into whether he improperly billed

his former law firm for time and

they expected Mr. Hubbell's for-

mer partners at the Rose Law Firm

to file a complaint with the Arkan-

sas Supreme Court Committee on

Professional Conduct, a seven-

member panel that investigates eth-

the internal inquiry at the law firm where Mr. Hubbell and Mrs. Clin-

But lawyers who have followed

Justice Department officials said

Mr. Hubbell announced Mon-

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WASHINGTON - Following

night for Mr. Clinton's reform package.

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Congress considers this legislation. **Balanced-Budget Plan Falters**

employees.

WASHINGTON - Supporters of a balanced budget amendment, once confident of scoring a major political victory this year, now are on the verge of their second defeat in a month as the

a victory when a congressional subcommittee vot-

ed 6 to 5 to support his proposal to require all employers to help buy health insurance for their

In the year's first vote on health care, Democrats

on the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on

Health defeated a Republican proposal to elimi-

nate the requirement known as an employer man-

date from a comprehensive bill intended to guar-

The action was not decisive. At least four other

The Subcommittee on Health is often described as somewhat more liberal than the House or the

Senate, so the close vote suggests that the struggle

over the employer mandate will continue as long as

antee health insurance for all Americans.

committees will vote on similar legislation.

House prepares for a showdown vote on Thursday. The amendment, requiring balanced budgets beginning in 2001, was defeated in the Senate early this month. The White House strongly opposes it.

Now the amendment is coming under pressure in the House, and proponents acknowledged that they were at least five or six votes short of the twothirds majority necessary to approve a constitutional amendment, with little hope of closing the

Representative Charles W. Stenholm, Democrat of Texas, the chief sponsor of the amendment, said that "it looks like" the amendment will fail. (WP)

tered and bloodied for nearly two years by the scent of scandal and the sting of the investigation into possible embezzlement and

publican governor, Jim Edgar,

Representative Dan Rostenkowski, with his wife, Laverne, after he overcame fraud allegations to win renomination.

Rostenkowski Slogs On to Win Primary

Victory in the primary has been tanta-

mount to re-election in heavily Democratic

Once considered invincible, Mr. Rosten-

kowski, 66. was not considered a sure bet this

time around because of the investigation.

Sensing danger to Mr. Rostenkowski, Mr.

Clinton led a parade of Democratic politi-

cians into Mr. Rostenkowski's Chicago dis-

trict to save a fellow Democrat who, after 35

years in Congress and 15 years as the chair-

man of the Ways and Means Committee, is

able to deliver the rewards and the punish-

Mr. Rostenkowski's travails have some-

what obscured a piece of Illinois history. The

state comptroller, Dawn Clark Netsch, won

the Democratic gubernatorial primary, be-

coming the first woman in the state to run for governor on a major party ticket.

In November, she will face the state's Re-

This year, Mr. Rostenkowski entered his

19th congressional campaign after being bat-

payroll padding.

A federal grand jury in Washington began investigating him after reports that he had

Ethics Complaint Against Hubbell ton were partners said senior part- Hearings Are Urged ners at the firm had decided to go forward. They said the decision came after others at Rose threat-

> Friends of Mr. Hubbell have portrayed the inquiry into his billing practices as an effort by disgruntled former partners to pressure Mr. Hubbell into persuading Seth Ward, his father-in-law, to pay legal bills amounting to nearly million that were left unpaid after Mr. Hubbell represented Mr.

ened to file individual complaints'

Ex-Law Partners Are Considering

an unsuccessful lawsuit in 1991. Other administration officials have suggested that Mr. Hubbell's problems are more serious. They said the billing inquiry had expanded to include scrutiny of Mr. Hubbell's time charges and expenses in several matters, including one in which he represented federal regulators in a case involving Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan Association, the failed institution owned by the Clinton's former business partner in the Whitewater real es-

Representative Lee H. Hamilton. Democrat of Indiana, has suggested that congressional hearings on the Whitewater affair might be against Mr. Hubbell if the firm the best course for President Clinton. The Washington Post report-

> While most Democrats continued to resist such hearings, Mr. Hamilton said the president "must get all the facts out quickly and completely." He said hearings would be "one possibility for getting this information out.

Mr. Hamilton, who was House chairman of the Iran-contra inves-Ward's parking meter company in tigation, said Tuesday he knew of "no evidence that the president or the first lady has done anything wrong," but that he was concerned that people might think the White House was withholding information. That, he said, was the "worst impression that can be created."

> Representative Dan Rostenkow ski, Democrat of Illinois and chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, said Wednesday he thought there would be congressional hearings, but "I'm not enthusiastic about that

POLITICAL NOTES

Close Tally in Health Care Vote Michigan Finds School Funds WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton won

DETROIT - Michigan voters have approved a constitutional amendment to raise the state sales tax and cigarette tax to replace property taxes as the means of supporting the state's schools. The measure on the ballot required people to

vote "yes" or "no" on the plan, which raises the state sales tax to 6 percent from 4 percent as of May I and triples the tax on a pack of cigarettes to 75 cents from 25 cents.

The proposal also slightly decreases Michigan's flat-rate income tax, from 4.6 percent to 4.4 percent and limits property assessment increases to the inflation rate or a maximum of 5 percent a

New York Republican to Retire

GARRISON, New York - Representative Hamilton Fish Jr., the New York state Republican who followed his father, grandfather and greatgrandfather into the U.S. Congress, announced that he would retire when his 13th term ends in January because he is battling a recurrence of (NYT)

Quote/Unquote

Following a tirade by President Clinton against the Republican opposition, which he described as ton: "It's been a long, cold winter here in Washington, and maybe the weather has made everyone a little cranky. But it finally looks like spring is here. So take a few minutes to relax. Go outside. Take a walk. Enjoy the sun. Remember that the election is

CIA Vows to Clean 'Systemic' Woes

By R. Jeffrey Smith Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The director of central intelligence. R. James Woolsey, said he would compel all employees to make annual financial disclosure statements and would freeze the promotions or pay raises of "certain categories" of workers who may have overlooked alleged espionage by a CIA employee. Aldrich Hazen

Promising to clean up "systemic" security problems brought to light by the Ames case. Mr. Woolsey also said the agency was reviewing past polygraphs of Central Intelligence Agency employees as well as its "overreliance" on the polygraph as a method of ferreting out poten-tial spies.

Mr. Woolsey made the pledges in an unusual hourlong interview with reporters at his CIA headquarters office on Tuesday. In the interview, he accused congressional critics of mistaking his "penchant for care and precision" in discussing the Ames case as a sign of his resistance to necessary reforms.

Noting that he became director after the investigation of Mr. Ames was well under way, Mr. Woolsey said he had recognized quickly that "there were some systemic things wrong

with CIA security." He said if the CIA's inspector general concluded after reviewing the Ames case that some individuals had "performed poorly, disciplinary steps will be taken."

Mr. Ames, a former chief of Soviet counterintelligence in the agency, was arrested last month along with his wife. He is accused of spying for Moscow during a nine-year period. The proposal on financial statements is meant to answer criticism that the CIA failed to notice or to investigate diligently lavish spending by Mr. Ames between 1985 and 1993, using more than S2 million allegedly obtained from Mos-

Mr. Woolsey declined to discuss details of the Ames case, however, including what impact the alleged espionage had on U.S. security and whether the government suspected other CIA employees may have collaborated with Mr. Ames. He said a "damage assessment" would be conducted by Richard Haver, the CIA's executive director of intelligence community affairs, and completed according to a schedule set by Justice Department officials managing the prosecution of Mr. Ames.

Mr. Woolsey also declined to say whether the government's investigation of Mr. Ames had been hampered by poor relations between the Defense Department after the election.

CIA and the FBI before his arrival at the CIA. as lawmakers have charged. He said the two agencies currently had a smooth relationship.

Offering his first detailed public comment on the scandal, Mr. Woolsey said the espionage charges had "stunned and shocked" CIA employees. But he said agency morale had since mproved and that he was now trying to deal with the public's "understandable anger and

Mr. Woolsey declined to discuss reports that the CIA has curtailed some of its operations following Mr. Ames's arrest last month, but added that "the CIA is still very much in business around the world."

Several of the steps announced by Mr. Woolsey were calculated to soothe congressional criticism that CIA employees would be taking too active a role in a series of internal investigations provoked by the Ames case. He said a sweeping review of CIA security and counterintelligence procedures will not be staffed by the agency, contrary to statements by House and Senate lawmakers last week.

The review is to be headed by Washington

lawyer Jeffrey H. Smith, a former Senate Armed Services committee aide who headed the Clinton administration's transition team at the

On 2 Sides Of Atlantic, **Trust for** Media News

By Stanley Meisler

embezzled \$22,000 from the post office by

exchanging stamp vouchers drawn on his

But the inquiry has apparently gone far

Seeing him stumble, several candidates

rushed into the race against him, including Mr. Simpson, who calls Mr. Rostenkowski

"the symbol of political corruption in the

Mr. Rostenkowski's biggest challenge this

time, however, came from another machine

loyalist, Mr. Cullerton, who trailed him by

only a few percentage points in recent polis.

seemed to attack Mr. Simpson as often than

he did Mr. Rostenkowski, leading some in

this city of cynics to label him a straw man in

the race to split the opposition vote and

run only if Mr. Rostenkowski did not. Then

he said he was running because, if he did not,

Mr. Simpson would win - something the

Chicago machine did not want to happen.

Mr. Rostenkowski's troubles because "he brings home the bacon."
"It's a great victory for him." he said.

Mr. Cullerton said voters had overlooked

From Politics

• Michael Jackson's mother,

who has steadfastly pro-

claimed her son's innocence in

the face of allegations that he

sexually molested a 13-year-

old boy, has been ordered to

testify before a Los Angeles

County grand jury, a lawyer for Mr. Jackson said.

Most Americans think drug

abuse is getting worse and

three-quarters favor spending

more money on prevention

and treatment than on law en-

forcement to combat the prob-

lem, a survey said Wednesday.

• A Roman Catholic priest in

Brockton, Massachusetts, has

been convicted of two counts

of raping an altar boy and two

counts of assault. The Rever-

end John Hanlon could re-

• Colin Ferguson, accused of

killing six persons on a crowd-

ed suburban New York com-

muter train, was driven insane

by racial injustice, William M.

Kunstler, his new lawyer, said.

■ The nation's top military of-

ficers have warned that young

people appear to be losing in-

terest in joining the armed

forces, a trend they said bodes

ill for the future quality of the

• A Supreme Court justice has

turned down an emergency re-quest aimed at excluding gay

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Mr. Cullerton. 45, initially said he would

enable Mr. Rostenkowski to win.

For most of the campaign. Mr. Cullerton

beyond those initial reports. He still faces

possible indictment and disgrace.

office account for cash.

Los Angelia Times Service NEW YORK - North Americans and West Europeans trust newspapers and television news so much that many readers and viewers pronounce the media more believable as an institution than even their churches.

Yet, despite this trust, substantial majorities would like to restrict press freedom to protect military secrets, stamp out terrorism and cut down stories dripping with sex and violence.

These contradictory attitudes surfaced as a major finding of the Times Mirror Center for the People & the Press in a comprehensive survey of opinion about the media in eight nations: the United States, Canada, Mexico, Britain, France, Germany, Spain and Italy. The poll collated the views of a sample of more than 10,000 Europeans and North Americans.

Among the findings:

 More people get their news from television than from any other medium. Substantial majorities watch TV news in all eight countries, but only in Germany, Britan and Canada did more than 50 percent of those polled say they had read a newspaper the day before. (It was 49 percent in the United • Majorities in most countries

believe that TV and newspapers are unfair and one-sided in the way they cover the news and that the media tend to invade the privacy of

 Huge majorities believe the media keep politicians honest, help democracy and generate a good influence on society.

· Americans know less about current events than any of the nationalities polled. Asked a series of five questions, 37 percent of the Americans polled got all five wrong, while only 3 percent of the Germans, who did best on the test, failed all five.

Yet, differences did appear. rooted in local tradition. The gap in trust between TV news and newspapers, for example, was greatest in Britain, an obvious reflection of the prestige of BBC broadcasts and low regard for London's strident mass tabloids. Spaniards, living in a country that emerged from dictatorship less than two decades ago. were less enthusiastic about press restrictions than almost all the oth-

Majorities in each country found TV news and newspapers believable, in most cases more so than churches and their country's leader. The only exception was Mexico. where the church and President Carlos Salinas de Gortari were considered about as believable as newspapers and TV news.

Without exception, heavy majorities said they did not find governvertisers believable.

Radio Free Europe Near Deal With American Financier decide by mid-April whether to ing costs of a privatized Research By Craig R. Whitney move the broadcasting facilities to Institute, and the radios would New York Times Service

BONN - Radio Free Europe. the U.S.-funded broadcaster whose

budget has been slashed, said Wednesday that it expected to agree soon with the Hungarianborn financier George Soros 10 privatize its research operations and archives and move them from Munich to Prague. A 100-member staff would be-

come part of a new institute that would continue to provide services to Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty and help train journalists in a branch of Mr. Soros's Central European University. Radio Free Europe broadcasts to former Communist countries of Eastern Europe, Radio Liberty to Russia and the former Soviet Union.

"I expect that we could reach agreement on this within a month." said Ross Johnson, acting president of RFE/RL Inc., the stations' umbrella organization in Munich. a year in Munich, but were expect-Other officials said that the

ing the supervisory organization in are lower. Mr. Soros's foundations Washington, also would probably would cover about half the operat-

radios or any eventual successor organization. Mr. Johnson said. The institute is not for sale, and RFE/RL is not for sale," he said. What we expect to do is set up a new entity in October with very generous support from George

former parliament building.

The archives, believed to be the

works published and circulated

Officials at the radio said that Mr. Soros's foundations and university, most of which is in Budapest, would act as trustees or custodians, not as owners.

Mr. Johnson said that the research operations cost \$16 million ed to cost about \$10 million in Board for Independent Broadcast- Prague, where expenses and wages

Prague, where President Vaclav contract for services, probably be-Havel and the Czech government tween \$4 million and \$5 million a have offered to house them in the year, Mr. Johnson said.

The Clinton administration has mandated cuts in the radios' budworld's most extensive collection of gets from \$208 million this fiscal year to \$75 million by fiscal 1996, officials said, and 300 of the 1.500 clandestinely during the Cold War, would remain the property of the staff members in Munich have already been dismissed.

■ Slovakia Curbs Radio

The authorities in Slovakia have disconnected two Radio Free Europe medium-wave transmitters in a dispute between supporters of the ousted prime minister, Vladimir Meciar, and the media, the CTK news agency said Wednesday in a report carried by Agence France-

Mr. Meciar's government had tried last December to cancel Radio Free Europe broadcasts on medium wave, a measure that was widely criticized and finally overturned. A journalist at Radio Free Europe said the station was continuing to transmit programs on

Clinton Wears Brace for Back

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- President Bill Clinton aggravated a back injury this week and tried a back brace to ease the pain. White House aides sought to make light of the injury, but

Mr. Clinton clearly was walking stiffly as he returned from a three-day trip. "His back is a little sore; he strained it," said the White

House press secretary. Dee Dee Myers. Mr. Clinton called off a

morning jog in Nashua. New Hampshire, on Tuesday be-cause of the stiffness of his back. On Air Force One, Mr. Clinton could be seen by re-

porters moving around in a white brace.

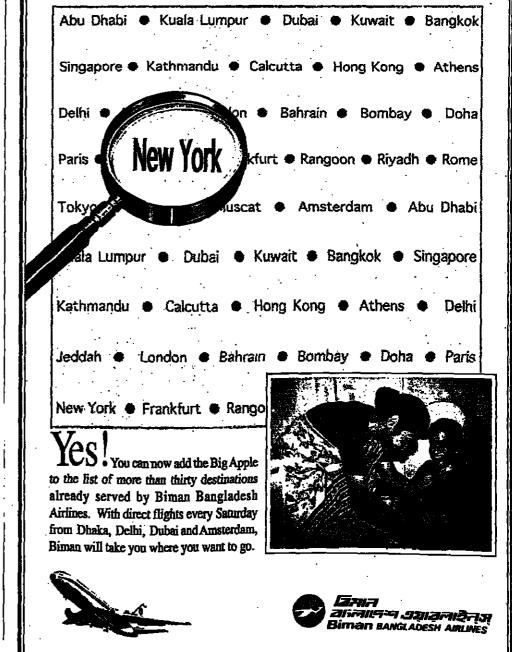


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Tiger Kills a Cameraman At Zoo in Angolan Capital

LUANDA, Angola - A tiger killed a South African news cameraman while he was filming the evacuation of starving animals from a 200 in the Angolan capital, Luanda.

The cameraman, Rick Lombs, 44, was filming tigers in an enclosure on Tuesday when a male tiger slipped through an opened safety

"He was killed on the spot," said a Belgian photographer, Marco Vercrysse, who saw the attack. "He didn't stand the slightest

Quinton Coetzee, who is coordinating the evacuation of about 30 animals from the Luanda zoo, killed the animal with a guard's rifle. The animals, including tigers, lions, ostriches, buffalos and hyenas, are being evacuated from Angola because they have been starving since funds for their upkeep dried up. Most will be taken to zoos in South Africa.

EUROPE: Norway Cuts a Deal

Continued from Page 1

percent against membership and only 48 percent in favor. Of the Nordic countries, Finland is the most enthusiastic about EU membership. It sees in the Union a bulwark against neighboring Rus-

ken of reabsorbing Finland A poll conducted after Helsinki settled membership terms indicated that 45 percent of voters favored membership, with 27 percent op-

sia, where the nationalist politician,

Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, has spo-

posed and the rest undecided. In the latest EU dispute, Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd of Britain said his government supported enlargement But it opposed a proposed voting procedure that would make it more difficult for Britain to block EU legislation. Spain, although it settled a dispute on fishing rights with Norway, supported the British position because it fears that enlargement could jeopardize the position of the poorer Mediterranean countries.

Other member countries were not impressed by the British grand-

The Danish foreign minister. Niels Helveg Petersen, said that the reality now is that Britain is blocking enlargement and that is unsustainable." Prime Minister Poul Nyrup Rasmussen of Den-mark said Britain's action was "simply not acceptable." Foreign Minister Willy Claes of Belgium said the last-minute action by the British and Spaniards was "a black

day for Europe. Jean-Pierre Cot of Belgium. leader of the large Socialist bloc in the European Parliament, said that "Britain wants to widen and weaken" the Union.

Under current voting procedures in the European Council of Ministers, two large nations and one small one can veto decisions. But this so-called "blocking minority" would be raised under the enlargement proposals, in an attempt to streamline decision-making.

MOSQUE: Did Soldier Fire, Too?

Continued from Page 1 of the exterior corridor. But preliminary reports by the Israeli Army say that the number of bullet holes in the ceiling of the passageway match the number of casings found

Even though the Palestinians' accounts suggest that the Israeli Army was not a conspirator in the attack, the different versions of the incident have compounded the mistrust between the army and the

They also reinforce Palestinians' insistence that their security cannot be guaranteed by the army if heavily armed Jewish settlers are allowed to remain in the occupied territories. The issue of restricting armed settlers is the key obstacle to re-suming peace talks between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization. The talks have been suspended since the killings.

In all, General Yatom testified to the commission, the settler killed people and wounded about 90 others. Three other Palestinians were trampled to death at the mosque as worshipers stampeded, he said. Other Palestinians killed in Hebron that day, he said, died outside the Patriarchs' compound in riots set off by the killings.

But Palestinian witnesses have insisted all along that they saw one or more soldiers fire into a crowd that built rapidly in a passageway outside the eastern entrance to the shrine after Dr. Goldstein started

Most of the Palestinians interviewed did not accuse the soldiers of complicity in the killings, lustead, they suggested that the Israe-li soldiers had fired in panic amid the confusion that had gripped the

Two Palestinian committees and one Israeli committee are investigating the killings. The Israeli inquiry began interviewing Arab wit-

nesses on Wednesday. The Palestinian Investigative Committee, which is linked to the Palestine Liberation Organization, has interviewed about 35 people. And the Islamic Investigation Committee, which is tied to the Islamic militant movement, appears to be just get-ting off the ground. The two Palestinian committees have so far been denied access to the Cave of the

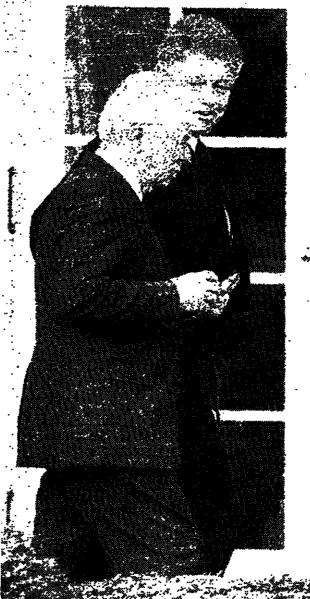
Patriarchs, where the attack took "We believe the soldiers stationed at the mosque fired on the crowd," said Mustala Natshe, the former mayor of Hebron, who is on the 11-man committee. "We have interviewed several witnesses who say they saw soldiers shooting on the crowd. We now divide the massacre into three parts. The first is the shooting inside the mosque by Goldstein, the second is the shooting in the passageway outside the mosque by the soldiers, and the third is the shooting around Al Ahli

Hospital by the soldiers." A week of interviews of witnesses in Hebron produced a consensus that at least three people were shot by soldiers in the passageway.

It was difficult to determine the exact number of people killed or wounded by the soldiers there. Some in Hebron say that two Pales-tinians were killed, but only one death was affirmed by people who say they actually saw the shooting. ■ 60 Palestinians Wounded

Israeli troops shot and wounded at least 60 Palestinians in clashes in the occupied Gaza Strip and in Hebron on Wednesday, Reuters re-ported, quoting hospital officials and Palestinian sources.

In Hebron. Israeli soldiers fought street battles with demonstrators when the army briefly lifted a currew imposed since the massacre at the mosque. Palestinians said another 30 were wounded during daylong clashes



Mr. Rabin and Mr. Clinton after Oval Office talks Wednesday.

ISRAEL: Hints on Golan Heights

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avoid a perception of making concessions in the face of new de-

mands from their adversary. Mr. Rabin seemed to suggest the interim Israeli-PLO accord repsures in the West Bank that the Syria by the end of the year PLO seeks.

"I call on Chairman Arafat," he said, "to resume talks immediately if there were no negotiations and conduct the negotiations as if there were negotiations as if there and act like me — to fight terror as if there were no negotiations and was not terror.

sure that we shall find the right solutions once the negotiations are

Asked about the possibility of a PLO police force in Hebron, Mr. el to come up with specific ways to Rabin recalled that the interim Israeli-PLO agreement called for up to 9,000 Palestinian police officers PLO not to use Hebron as an "exdid not specifically suggest that with Israel.

such a force could be broadened to include Hebron, however.

In a prepared statement at the

news conference and in response to reporters' questions, Mr. Rabin that further talks in the context of said that the window of opportunithe interim Israeli-PLO accord represented the only avenue he would die East in 1994 was narrowing. He travel toward new security mea- said he hoped to achieve peace with

For his part, Mr. Clinton sad that after his "extended conversa-tion" with Mr. Rabin on Syria and vas not terror."

wanted to make peace. But he gave
no details of his discussion with the

Mr. Clinton said he wanted Israassure security of Palestinians in the West Bank and called on the in Jericho and the Gaza Strip. He cuse to avoid further peace talks

KOREA: U.S. Calls Off Meeting

issue to the UN Security Council with the recommendation that eco-

nomic sanctions be imposed. Meanwhile, American and South ered to have been broken. Korean officials met Wednesday to discuss Team Spirit the joint military exercise the two countries customarily hold in the spring. The produced in the past or had reproexercise was suspended on the condition that the North allowed the inspections to proceed and agreed to exchange envoys with the South, neither of which has occurred.

Providing details about the inspections, officials said they were barely under way when North Korea refused to allow the inspectors

to take the needed plutonium samples. Adding to the suspicions, one of the seals that inspectors had placed on nuclear equipment in the reprocessing facility was discov-

That raised the possibility that the North Koreans had used the facility to handle plutonium it had cessed plutonium from a secret cache of fuel rods it had previously

removed from the reactor. Washington complained about the restrictions on the inspector allow them to finish their work before they left North Korea. But the

RANGOON: Japanese Veterans Return to Burma to Remember War

war, Arthur Lane, said recently at a cemetery containing the graves of 7,000 Allied prisoners in Thailand's Kanchanaburi Province. Mr. Lane, 68, was a teenager when he was forced to work on the railway by his Japanese captors.

In Burma, the returning veterans seem to be mostly Japanese. For Mr. Watanabe, a retired Tokyo bank teller, the pilgrimage was one he had always wanted to make. While on his visit. the first since the war, he revealed mixed emo-

During the war, his unit entered Burma from northwestern Thailand and made its way through heavy jungle, crossing paths with tigers and elephants, he recalled. He was wounded in battle at Yenangyaung, a key town on the Irrawaddy River bordering Burmese oil fields. which the British destroyed before withdrawing. He was evacuated to Rangoon, then to Singapore, Vietnam and finally Japan after his After six months of operations, skin grafts and recovery, he was sent to Japanese-occupied

At the end of the war, Soviet soldiers took him prisoner and shipped him to a Soviet prison camp. "Rabot, rabot," meaning "work, work." is a command that sticks in his mind to

Mr. Watanabe was finally repatriated in 1947, he said, and only then did he learn of the atomic bombs that had ended the war, in the Pacific. Unlike many Japanese, however, he

does not condemn the bombing. "It's better that the Americans used the bomb, or the fighting would have gone on longer and more people would have died," he

He has no criticism of the instances of Japanese cruelty during the war and spoke with a certain pride about the accomplishments of the and lack of food. He was 27. I will go to Imperial Army. Many Burmese welcomed the

ed to be free of British colonialism.

It is perhaps because so many things here have not changed, due to decades of self-imposed isolation that have made Burma a veritable time capsule, that Mr. Watanabe's emotions are so raw.

"Some people hated the past and didn't want to come back," be said. "I always wanted to come. So many friends of mine were killed. I want to pray for them."

Above all, he said, he has come to honor Toshio Naganuma, his wartime comrade and

"He always hated fighting, and I agreed with him," Mr. Watanabe said. "I hated war. I didn't like fighting. I could not tell the general, but I could tell my friend.

"He died in Mandalay. He died (rom cholera Mandalay and pray for him.'

MILAN: Outspoken Northern League Chief Reaches for Levers of Power

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their opponents, the Democratic Party of the Left led with 21 percent. What has been lost over the years in his outery about splitting up Italy is how successfully Mr. Bossi parlayed a taxpayer revolt into a successful political movement, said Giuliano

Procacci, a historian. 'You have to look for the League's roots in the 1980s and the fundamental fact was the economic recession," Mr. Procacci said. "As long as money was easy, the cost of corruption was supportable. The moment it became unbearable, you had resentment on the part of the classes hit hardest: small businesses, industry,

By the last national elections, in 1992, the League had emerged as the most powerful force in the north, with 23 percent of the regional

The outrage peaked last fall, when Mr. Bossi publicly urged his followers to stop paying taxes and organize a referendum on splitting from Italy, and the chief of the Italian General Staff, General Goffredo Canino, warned that the military would not tolerate the breakup of the nation. President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro intervened to quiet the feud, and Pope John Paul II. in an unusual plea, called for the preserva-

tion of Italy's "sacred unity." Mr. Bossi was recruited into politics in the 1970s by Bruno Salvadori, a leader of the autonomy movement in Val d'Aosta, the Frenchspeaking enclave in northwestern Italy that has long been a hotbed of separatist fervor.

Increasingly, Mr. Bossi resorted to populist, sometimes coarse, language to rally his supporters and castigate his opponents.

When Milan magistrates began investigating League officials for corruption, he warned that "they should know their life is worth a bullet, which for us costs 300 lire," about 18 cents. "I can back him about 60 percent," said Luigi

Miriello. an Aosta shopkeeper who braved

mountain cold to hear Mr. Bossi harangue for two hours on the town square in the shadow of Mont Blanc. "I don't like the idea of dividing up Italy."

But Renato Mannheimer, a University of Pavia sociologist who has studied the League for years, says that Mr. Bossi's oratory has been his most potent weapon.

"He says the most incredible things just to stay at the focus of debate," he said. "He considers negative publicity fantastic also because people say, 'If the old politicians are attacking him, he cannot be bad."

■ Judge Bars Arrest of 6

A Milan judge on Wednesday rejected a request for the arrest of six business executives, including three officials in Mr. Berlusconi's communications group Fininvest, Agence. France-Presse reported. But Judge Anna Introini ruled that investigations into the accused would continue. Judicial sources said this was "because of serious indications of guilt."



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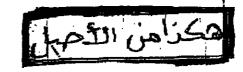




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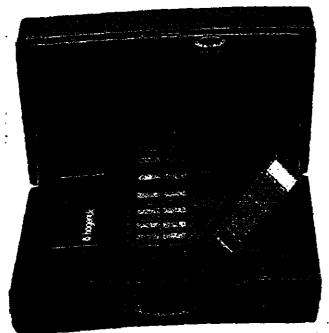
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Trade Plus Human Rights

When dealing with China, it sometimes helps to see matters through Chinese eyes. As Beijing views it, a great power must always insist on being treated with due respect. To behave otherwise is to acknowledge inferiority and therefore to forfeit influence.

During Secretary of State Warren Christopher's weekend visit to Beijing. Chinese leaders aggressively asserted what they see as the prerogatives of China. They deliberately humiliated America's highest-ranking diplomat by temporarily rounding up some of the country's most prominent dissidents, and by detaining several Western correspondents trying to report on the crackdown. The purpose of the roundup was to prevent Mr. Christopher from hearing any independent views on the human rights issues he is required to evaluate before making a recommendation by June on renewing China's access to the most favorable American tariff schedules.

For the sake of a healthy U.S.-Chinese relationship. Washington is now obliged to respond with equal firmness. To kowtow to Chinese bullying would be to repeat the mistakes of the Bush administration, which squandered American influence by its consistent refusal to press human rights issues. That was what first provoked Congress to force annual showdowns over linking continuation of China's trade privileges to progress on human rights.

The Clinton administration needs instead to be forthright about its continued determination to insist on human rights progress. It especially needs to dispel China's impression that it can exploit differences between various policymakers in the administration. Congress and the business community. Such miscalculation can only increase the likelihood of a rupture that both sides would prefer to avoid. China, despite its pose of cool indifference, desperately needs the \$20 billion hard currency surplus that it earns from its trade with the United States to carry on with its ambitious economic development plans. And U.S. business frankly wants to maintain access to one of the world's largest and fastest-growing economies. For their part, human rights advocates recognize that China's continued economic growth and openness contribute to domestic pressures for more responsive, less dictatorial government.

Even so, the Clinton administration has a clear right under international law, and an obligation under U.S. law, to link China's trade status to minimum human rights goals. The administration has demanded nothing unreasonable or demeaning, for the most part asking only compliance with international agreements to which China already subscribes. Washington seeks an end to the export of goods produced by slave labor, freer emigration for relatives of exiles and detainees, humane and lawful treatment of prisoners, and respect for the cultural traditions of Tibet. On most of these issues it has not set rigid benchmarks but is looking for "overall significant progress."

The administration can use the remaining two and a half months provided by last year's executive order to give China the greatest possible incentive to demonstrate progress. But President Bill Clinton must make clear that if Beijing continues to try to blow past the whole issue with deliberate human rights provoca-tions, it will be making a very big mistake. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Just Talking About Jobs

Governments used to think that they knew how to remedy high unemployment. Now they are not so sure. President Bill Clinton's international conference on jobs in Detroit this week was not about the effects of recessions, recent and current. It was about the pattern of the past 15 years or so - a pattern in which unemployment has risen steadily while societies got richer.

Industrial democracies have all had plenty of experience with recessions and the kind of unemployment that rises or falls with their economies' growth rates. But the decade of the 1980s was mostly a time of strong growth, and the United States ended it with only a very modest improvement in employment. In all of the industrial countries, output per capita has risen substantially since 1980, but in Western Europe and Canada unemployment increased greatly - far beyond anything that the recessions can explain.

Behind those unemployment figures lies the deeply troubling trade-off between individual security and jobs. The rules that governments enact to improve the security of working people's lives also make labor more expensive and labor markets more rigid. Most of the democracies expanded their so-cial protection systems in the 1970s, but the Europeans, led by Germany, expanded them enormously. That is why European unemployment rates, lower than in the United States before 1970, have been strikingly higher in recent years. American benefits are now thin and stingy by European standards.

This trade-off evidently was not much discussed at the Detroit conference. The minis-ters of labor and finance assembled there were fully aware of it, but none of them wanted to attack the social commitments. Properly, they moved on to a further question: how to out everybody to work in societies in which labor is costly and hard to lay off, and in which unemployment benefits are generous. That led back to the subjects of education, vocational training and ensuring that training leads to jobs that actually exist.

No ringing call for action came from the Detroit meeting, but there is no harm in talking, even inconclusively, about a topic that is going to be central to the development of these wealthy societies over the next generation. It is not only the economic loss that unemployment represents. There are many other kinds of costs incurred when a country begins to develop a population of the permanently unemployed. Public policy is now searching for ways to reconcile the high levels of social benefits that industrial democracies want and need with low unemployment rates to keep them healthy.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

A Victory for South Africa

In South Africa, "Bop" is short for Bo-phuthatswana, a black homeland known for its cumbersome name, its platinum mines. and for Sun City, a Las Vegas-style resort. Created in 1977 and scattered in six unconnected pockets of land, Bop was one of 10 "independent" nations meant to confer legitimacy on Pretoria's denial of a vote to a huge black majority. The specious argument was that all blacks enjoyed citizenship rights in

"nations" recognized only by South Africa. But Bop will now be remembered instead as the site of the first real clash over the country's new democratic order. Its ruler, Lucas Mangope, fearing loss of power and profits, chose to boycott South Africa's first all-races election next month and tried to prevent campaigning in his homeland. Rushing to his support were his white separatist allies, who within 48 hours sent 400 trucks and cars filled with armed commandos to Mmabatho, Bop's capital.

Auspiciously, the rebellion fizzled. A transitional regime led by President F. W. de Klerk deposed "President" Mangope, confirming his puppet status. And Nelson Mandela supported use of the South African armed forces, erst-

while pillar of apartheid, to quell the revolt. A surprise awaited the white storm troopers, who believed that they would be welcomed by the homeland's defense forces.

Instead, soldiers joined civil servants in deserting Mangope, in a rout that claimed 40 lives and triggered some looting. But the most striking result was the humiliation of the white separatists, who fell out among themselves as the less extreme faction, headed by retired General Constand Viljoen, decided to join the election campaign.

So instead of wrecking the election, the battle of Bop has strengthened its promoters and split the spoilers. Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the leader of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party, remains as an important holdout. Doubtless well-armed and fanatic white extremists still threaten South Africa's democratic transition; so does ethnic rivalry between Zulus and other groups. Still, the first armed clash before the election has scattered its opponents and enhanced the authority of Mr. de Klerk and Mr. Mandela. The tide is running favorably for South Africa's great experiment.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

A U.S.-China Dilemma

China is often driven by a pragmatic selfinterest that transcends ideology and time. That pragmatism was aptly demonstrated during Beijing's frosty and disappointing re-ception of the American secretary of state. Warren Christopher. Dissidents were rounded up before and during Mr. Christopher's visit, which, ironically, focused on human rights and trade. Nice touch.

order. Face-saving gestures are needed from both Beijing and Washington. U.S.-Chinese

relations need not be irretrievably soured. Before he left Beijing, Mr. Christopher tried to give his trip an upbeat spin. Beijing turned over new information about political prisoners and agreed to procedures for international inspec-

Beijing will have to demonstrate human rights progress to satisfy the Clinton conditions on most-favored-nation trade status. But even if it does, both sides need to explore ways to decouple the rights issue from trade

without the United States abandoning its commitment to human rights.

tion of suspected prison labor sites.

- Los Angeles Times.



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The Jobs Question Is the Big One for Democracies

By E. J. Dionne Jr.

WASHINGTON — The latest twists on the Whitewater story have swamped news of the jobs summit in Detroit. That was mevitable, but also a shame. The Detroit meeting of the top economic officials of the wealthy democracies has not produced any quick fixes, but the issues at stake are the most important fac-

ers, substantial social benefits and a large private sector that controlled most investment decisions. In what became a virtuous cycle, economic growth was fueled by the

spending of increasingly affluent blue-

and white-collar workers. Those in

Societies where the going wage is \$1 an hour and workers can be hired and fired at will certainly have 'flexible labor markets.' But that is no solution.

ing the democratic countries. They help explain why so many of the democracies are mired in voter disil-lusionment and why political leaders. President Bill Clinton included, can't get much respect these days.

The central issue is whether the social bargain that the wealthy countries worked out after World War II is doomed to come unraveled. That bargain involved rising living standards for average work-

By Bill Henderson

WAINSCOTT, New York — Driven by our obses-

ic god with a frenzy. Soon, blessed with fax, voice- and

E-mail, computer hookups and television sets with hundreds of channels, we won't have to leave our

lonely rooms - not to write a check, work, visit, shop,

exercise or make love. We will have raced at incredible

We are in great haste to construct a magnetic

telegraph from Maine to Texas, but Maine and Texas,

it may be, have nothing important to communicate
... We are eager to tunnel under the Atlantic and
bring the Old World some weeks nearer to the New,

but perchance the first news that will leak through into

the broad, flapping American ear will be that the Princess Adelaide has the whooping cough."

himself. He worked with his father, John Thoreau,

founder of the first quality pencil manufacturer in

America. Here are other things he had to say about the

So with a hundred "modern improvements"; there is an

information superhighway of his day:

ITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — Reli-able sources tell me that the word

"incestuous" is coded into the com-

puters of all news media people writing about Arkansas and Whitewater.

Press the F1 key and a reflexive sen-

tence will describe the illicit political and financial culture from which the

president of the United States sprang.

So long have Arkansans endured the hillbilly caricature that defensive-

The White House created

a genuine crisis from a

fiasco and one of the

in the country.

pathetic little investment

smallest S&L belly flops

ness is part of their genetic code. They

know why the incest metaphor seems so natural to Washington reporters.

whose picture of Arkansas is of an

ethical Dogpatch where savings-and-loan schemers bed their sisters and

then get their idiot spawn appointed to

the state regulatory agencies.

The coziness of Arkansas politics.

government and finance has been a

staple news theme since reporters came to Little Rock in the presiden-

tial campaign and discovered what a small place it was. You could stroil

down the sidewalk and see all sorts of

local big fish. In a little plate-lunch

café a block from campaign head-quarters you could see bankers. Su-

eme Court justices and what passes

locally for big-time lawyers forking down meat loaf and tossing jolly ri-

Much of the reporting has focused on the connections of the staid old

Rose Law Firm, where Hillary Rod-

ham Clinton and three other Clinton

administration officials worked -

including Webster Hubbell, the now

departed associate attorney general.

the Rose firm plays a large part, might

The political-incest theory, in which

postes across the tables.

Thoreau wrote that statement with a pencil he made

speeds to reach our final destination - nothing.

Henry David Thoreau said it first in 1849:

sion to compete, we have embraced the electron-

charge of the Western economies gleefully proclaimed that Marx had been all wrong and that his ideas would be buried not by the bosses but

by a satisfied working class.

It largely worked out that way, but the burial of communism was followed by anxiety. In practically all the Western democracies, voters are in revolt. The Germans have invented a wonderful word for this weariness with politics, Politikverdrossenheit.

The Poor Princess Adelaide Is Unwell

The Little Rock Perspective Is Clearer

By Ernest Dumas

appear to be a reasonable explana-

tion of why the fumbling White House would create a genuine crisis

from a pathetic little investment fias-co and one of the smallest S&L belly-

flops in the country - in neither of

which does the known record suggest

Or by anyone else in the govern-ment in Arkansas. And that is the

There is no doubt that Bill Clinton

hired cronies like Mr. Hubbell and

that the White House sprang into a defensive crouch when questions began to be asked about the Clintons financial dealings. But the idea that the wreck of Madison Guaranty Sav-

ings and Loan and the scheming of its

erstwhile chief, James McDougal, were shielded by friendly state offi-

cials is a myth. Despite Mr. McDou-

gal's support for Mr. Clinton, the

government's demeanor toward him was anything but friendly.

McClellan and Senator J. William Fulbright, Mr. McDougal had been

Governor Clinton's economic devel-

opment adviser in his first term, in 1979 and 1980. He believed that hide-

bound Arkansas bankers — who invested in U.S. securities rather than

lending to local entrepreneurs who

might have created jobs and growth

were at the root of the state's
woeful poverty. When he left govern-

ment and went into the banking and

savings-and-loan business, he set out

to prove his theory. Everyone (or at

least every good Democrat) deserved a loan, whether needed or not: from

that would flow abundance for all.

Clinton back in office, the bank com-

missioner, Marlin Jackson, drove up into the Ozark woods to tell the

directors of Mr. McDougal's tiny

bank to curb his freewheeling lend-

ing outside its territory, specifically

including loans to the Clintons for

the Whitewater development project.

And it was Mr. Clinton's securi-

A couple of years later, with Mr.

A former aide to Senator John L.

any wrongdoing by the Clintons.

trouble with the explanation.

explained away as a reaction to the mediate failings of particular individuals. But as President Clinton's polister Stan Greenberg has argued - long before Whitewater, it should be noted - scandals are not just the cause of disillusionment; they are also the result of disillusionment. If things are going well, voters will

Politicians produce enough real

corruption that voter anger is often

often cut their leaders considerable slack, and scandals dissipate quickly. When things go badly, voters take no prisoners. In most of the democracies, voters are in a onestrike-and-you're-out mood.

The primary cause is the deterioration of living standards for significant segments of the population, particularly the young just entering the labor force and less-skilled and lesseducated workers generally. But this problem has different effects in America and in Western Europe. The United States has produced

piles of jobs -- something over 35

illusion about them; there is not always a positive ad-

vance. The devil goes on exacting compound interest to

the last for his early share and numerous succeeding

investments in them. Our inventions are wont to be pretty

toys, which distract our attention from serious things.

The man whose horse trots a mile a minute does not

It is said that knowledge is a power and the like

a conceit that we know something, which robs us of the

If I am to be a thoroughfare, I prefer that it be of the mountain brooks, the Parnassian streams.

The writer is a director of the Lead Pencil Club, a

subsidiary of the Pushcart Press publishing house. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

- "Life Without Principle"

advantages of our actual ignorance.

What is most of our boasted so-called knowledge but

- Journal, 1851

ties commissioner. Beverly Bassett

Schaffer, who along with the Federal Home Loan Bank Board forced Mr.

McDougal's removal from control of

Madison Guaranty after an account-

ing firm's examination condemned

news accounts have painted it.

Federal Home Loan Bank Board had

encouraged the troubled savings and

loans in the region to recapitalize.

Madison talked about issuing pre-ferred stock, and a lawyer at the Rose

firm wrote a memorandum asserting

that state law did not bar such an

issuance by a state-chartered savings

and loan. The memo noted at the

bottom that a copy had been sent to Hillary Rodham Clinton. Mrs. Schaffer replied, in a now fam-ous "Dear Hillary" letter, that pre-ferred stock was not barred by state

law. But an issuance would have had

to be approved by Mrs. Schaffer, and Madison never proposed one — either

because it could not have withstood

the disclosure requirements or because

The caricature of an incestuous overnment seems to be based on Bill

Clinton's practice of hiring friends,

some of whom turn out to be compe-

tent, others knaves. But no example

comes to mind of a contrary policy

other and have business and social relationships is an indictment of

small cities everywhere. But the real

difference is that in small places the little secrets are known, while in

places like Washington, Chicago and New York they are unknowable.

The writer, a columnist for The Ar-kansas Times, contributed this com-

That too many people know each

anywhere in this country.

it could not have found buyers.

carry the most important messages; he is not an evangelist,

nor does he come round eating locusts and wild honey.

million since 1973 - including lots of good ones. But it has seen a decline in wages, especially at the bottom of the skills ladder. In Europe, the jobs that have been produced tend to carry higher wages and benefits, but there are not many of them -- only about 8 million new ones have been created in the same period. Western Europe has rising wages, but almost double Amer-

ica's rate of unemployment. The success of the American "jobs machine" has produced a new conventional wisdom: that Western Europe's problem is excessive "rigidity." too much vacation time, too many social benefits and taxes. If this is true, there is a simple answer: Cut the cost of labor, and dismantle many of the social benefits that European Social Democrats and Christian Democrats alike have supported over the years.

As is the case with many conventional wisdoms, there are grains of truth in this one. Laura D'Andrea Tyson, chairman of Mr. Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers, argues that regulations in Europe can make it much harder to start a new business and harder to lay off workers. Highly generous unemployment benefits can make people reluctant to take new jobs. Employers who know that it will be hard to trim their payrolls when they need to are reluctant to take on new workers, which places a particular burden on young people just entering the labor force.

But Ms. Tyson also asks the right question: How far does a society

want to push this argument? Societnere the going wage is \$1 an hour and where workers can be hired and fired at will certainly have "flexible labor markets." But that is no solution to the unemployment problem in the United States. France or Germany. The issue for Western societies is not only more jobs, as Mr. Clinton said on Monday, but more well-paying jobs.

Think of it this way. A family will have the same income if one person earns \$10 an hour for a 40-hour week, or if two people earn \$5 an hour for each of their 40-hour weeks. The second scenario involves the creation of two jobs, the first only one. Would anyone argue that the second family is better off for having to work an extra 40 hours for the same money? Consider, too, that the \$10-an-hour job probably includes health coverage and the \$5-an-hour job doesn't.

Telling Europe that all it need do is slash benefits for its workers is thus not an answer for unemployment. Western democracies need to grapple with three big questions: Can they coordinate their economic policies to produce more overall growth? Are fears of inflation getting in the way of reasonable steps to get the

world economy moving? How can the its lending and investment practices in 1986. She petitioned for a federal well-off democracies improve the liv-ing standards of their least-skilled takeover of the company in 1987. workers when hundreds of millions in It is widely accepted that in 1985 the Third World are eager to work for Mrs. Schaffer approved an unprecea third or even a tenth of what workers in the rich countries are paid? dented issuance of preferred stock after a plea from Hillary Clinton on These are among the questions that Madison's behalf. But this "approval" was a little different from the way The Dallas regional office of the

the Detroit conferees discussed, and getting the answers right should be the central issue of Western politics. They happen to be the questions that most animate President Clinton, which is why it is unfortunate that the administration helped create the conditions in which Whitewater could nearly wash the jobs summit away. The Washington Post

Hot Money Can Cause Trouble

Philip Bowring

HONG KONG—New struggles between markets and governments are brewing as big international money moves in on hitherto ignored currencies. The Malaysian ringgit is providing evidence of how this could both sour attitudes to open markets and draw the attention of a U.S. government concerned about its trade deficit to perceived currency undervaluations.

Malaysia has offered one of the world's most open middle-income economies. For years it had only nominal exchange controls, accept-ing the inevitability of some capital outflow for political reasons while welcoming inflow to develop manufacturing particularly for export, or into the stock market. Malaysia's is one of the most mature of the

'emerging' markets.
Yet recent weeks have seen a series of measures to stem capital inflow which has, according to recent figures released by the central bank, Bank Negara, created 40 billion ringgit (\$15 billion) of excess liquidity that

had to be mopped up.

The bank's assault on speculators started late last year with an attack on the ringgit by Bank Negara that drove the currency, which had been steady for most of the year, down by almost 8 percent, from 2.60 to 2.80 against the dollar. Since then, the ringgit has fluctuated erratically, requiring further oc-casional intervention by the central bank to push it back to 2.70. The objective of the assault was to hurt foreigners — and locals — who had been speculating on a rise in the ring-git, which was sending up share prices

and threatening monetary stability. The initial measures to penalize speculators were draconian enough, but they have been followed by even tighter controls affecting almost every form of capital movement except share purchase. The plain fact is that most market participants believe the ringgit to be more undervalued than ever, so it can only be a matter of time before it rises again. Meanwhile, the arm wrestling between the markets and Bank Negara could bring unde-sirable and unforeseen consequences.

It might, to begin with, draw atten-tion to the fact that Malaysian competitiveness, as measured by the trade-weighted real exchange rate, has been rising fairly steadily since 1987. The ringgit has now retraced almost the whole of an advance made in 1992 and is back to its 1989 level against a much weakened U.S. dollar. Trade performance has been strong. The trade surplus is running at around \$2 billion, with exports up 17 percent from a year ago despite lower commodity prices. Even the current account is now in overall surplus.

The recent devaluation, if maintained, should result in further expansion of manufactured exports and curtailment of imports, while the barpush up local interest rates.

All this raises the possibility that the United States, which takes 20 percent of all Malaysian exports and a higher proportion of its manufactured ones, might try to force up the ringgit in the same way it previously leaned on the Taiwan and South Korean governments to revalue.

In Malaysia's case, any pressure would likely be less severe because. unlike Taiwan and South Korea, a large proportion of its manufactured exports are produced by American companies. But the possibility cannot be ignored.

There are those in Malaysia who feel that a stronger currency would be highly beneficial, as it was for Taiwan. It would dampen inflationary expectations and encourage investment in higher-value-added manufacturing processes. In the longer term. Malaysia cannot compete with lower-wage neighbors like Thailand. let alone Indonesia or Vietnam. So it

should force itself upmarket now. This kind of long-term argument may not cut much ice with Bank Negara as it tries to show that it can control short-term monetary movements. But if the speculators were right about the long-term direction of the ringgir, either the bank will loss. face or the open nature of the economy will be jeopardized. As Malaysia ponders this problem, the investment banks sit waiting to throw billions at any crack in Bank Negara's defenses.

The central bank may not have played its cards very well, but it deserves sympathy as it confronts what some may regard as the unacceptable face of international capital markets - a face that is clearly deterring Taiwan and South Korea, to name just those two countries, from further

International Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Naval Secrets

LONDON -- In the House of Commons yesterday afternoon [March 16], Mr. Hanbury tried to discover from the Secretary to the Admiralty whether copies of drawings of the torpedo boat destroyer Havock had been stolen, but though Sir U. K. Shuttleworth said that certain representations had been made to the Admiralty by Messrs. Yarrow, he betrayed a considerable reluctance to give an answer to the direct question. Finally, when cornered, he admitted that Messrs. Yarrow had informed the Government that some copies of the plans had fallen into the hands of people who ought not to have them.

1919: Captive Children

PERA — The Allied High Commission recently ordered the Turks to return the Christian children taken by them during the atrocities in Armenia, whereupon the Turks have hegun turning the children out before

the Christians are ready to receive the two thousand who were given up at Malatia, where the Armenian population was frightfully decimated. The American Relief Commission is ask-ing that the Turks be required to provide food for three months for the children, restore stolen property and evacuate the Armenian house they are occupying.

1944: A Grave Mistake

WASHINGTON — [From our New York edition:] The War and Navy Departments, in a joint statement is sued tonight [March 16], disclosed that 410 American paratroopers lost their lives when twenty-three American C-47 transport planes were shot down by United States Army and Navy forces who mistook them for enemy craft on July 10, 1943, the first night of the invasion of Sicily. The paratroopers were being sent to support the Americans engaged in Sicily. the War Department said, and were to he dropped inside American lines.

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At Least They're Talking About Women's Rights

By Colman McCarthy

WASHINGTON — In Geneva on March 4, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights broke precedent by appointing a "special rapporteur" - an official monitor - to gather documentation on violence against women. Last month a similar breakthrough occurred when, for the first time, the State Department in its annual report on human rights practices detailed international violence and discrimination against women.

Last June in Vienna representatives of 180 governments at the World Conference on Human Rights voted their ap-

As recently as five years ago, none of the militant human rights groups considered that women's rights violations were severe or numerous enough to be decried separately.

proval of this pact: "Gender-based violence and all forms of sexual harassment and exploitation ... must be eliminated. This can be achieved by legal measures and through national action and international cooperation in such fields as economic and social development, education, safe maternity and health care and social support."

Before heaping that onto the dull language pile, it is worth recalling that at least the talking stage has been reached. As recently as five years ago, none of the militant human rights groups - Helsinki Watch, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch considered that women's human rights violations were sufficiently severe or numerous to be decried separately. In 1990 a shift occurred when Human Rights Watch, Arych Neier's New York group, created an international women's rights project.

In much of the world, abusing women is justified because the culture sanctions it: the male-dominated culture, that is. In Brazil, judicial leniency prevails in courts when men are prosecuted for killing their wives. Murders are often ex-cused as "privileged homicides," not intentional ones, because the husband caught his wife having an affair and had to kill her as a matter of honor.

In former Yugoslavia, Serbian soldiers rape as a routine policy of war and "ethnic cleansing." Rape camps were established. A Croatian woman told human rights investigators of being impregnated in one camp by a reserve captain in the Serb militia and being lectured "that I needed to give birth to a Serb - that I would then be different."

In Thailand an estimated 20,000 to 30,000 Burmese women and girls are believed to be held as prostitutes in "debt bondage" in brothels. The State Department reported in 1992 that Thai police can earn as much as \$200 a month in protection fees — protecting Thai brothel owners, not Burmese women.

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More than 2,000 Asian maids fled their violent Kuwait employers following the Gulf War. Forced sterilizations or abortions in China, mandated virginity tests in Turkey, statutory sex discrimination in Poland, rape as a tactic of war in Peru and Pakistan, genital mutilation in more than 20 African countries, state-sanctioned discrimination in Saudi Arabia: These are a few of the abuses documented in the past four years by investigators of the women's rights project. Its reports rival those of Amnesty International for thoroughness and understated moral alarm.

Much of the credit for creating the new visibility of violence to women goes to Dorothy Thomas, who persuaded Human Rights Watch to establish the women's rights project. She became its first director. Ms. Thomas, who did undergraduate and graduate work at Georgetown University, said in her Washington office the other afternoon that she has traveled the world for the past four years helping transform once underground or timid women's groups into political forces.

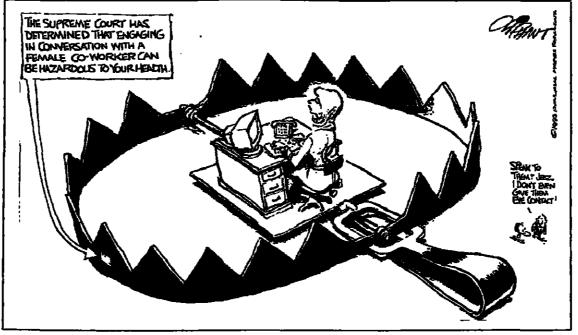
In Pakistan, for one example of a success, she worked with women's groups to document that no police officer was ever criminally punished for sexually or physically abusing women held in custody, even though 70 percent of the detained said that they had suffered those assaults.

Last month Ms. Thomas wrote to Secretary of State Warren Christopher asking what action he plans to take against the Thai government -a U.S. aid recipient - for its complicity in the sexual slavery of Burmese women. Mr. Christopher has called the pro-

motion of women's rights "a moral imperative." A heartened Ms. Thomas is wondering if that morality will find its way into the U.S. government's trade and financial relationship with Thailand and other international abusers of women. She is grateful for Mr. Christopher's words but with no sign yet of follow-through action, her message to the human rights community is: Hold back the cheers for now. Washington Post Writers Group.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Seeds of Conflict

Regarding the editorial "Greece Has It Wrong" (March 9):

Given the Soviet Union's formidable military might as recently as 10 years ago, who could have predicted its dismantling and Russia's relative weakness today? Similarly, who can predict what the balance of power will be in the Balkans 10 years from now?

The wisest policies to guarantee last-ing peace are preventive policies. Nations rely on the myths that they create. If two neighboring countries feed on conflicting myths, or even suggestions, about their past, ample ground is left for instabilities (and even war) to be fermented by ill-advised future rulers.

A preventive policy for lasting peace must lay grounds where instabilities cannot grow. The Former Yugoslav Re-public of Macedonia must not allow the slightest suggestion in the minds of its people that it is in any way related to the province of Macedonia in Greece.

CHRISTOS VASSILICOS. Cambridge, England.

Cost of Privatization

Regarding "Privatized U.K. Industry Rebounds" (Business/Finance, Feb. 24) by Richard W. Stevenson:

The writer reports on the proliferation of industries privatized by recent British governments. What has happened in nearly all the cases he lists is that the company has drastically reduced its staff by cutting marginally profitable or money-losing activities, leaving the re-mainder firmly in the black. Jolly though this is for new sharehold-

ers, the real cost has been a huge additional burden on taxpayers through unemployment payments to the dismissed staff, so that the government has found public expenditure higher than before. The new companies are seeking maxi-

mum profits at the expense of the country as a whole. The net effect is that taxes are higher and services are reduced. As a result, both past and proposed future privatizations (for example, of British Rail) have proved tremendously unpopu-

lar in British opinion polls. Privatization has turned out to be just another cure-all ideological fashion which leaves the basic problem untouched. It is alarming to see Western advisers propagating it as the answer to all problems in Eastern Europe.

NICHOLAS PALMER. Basel, Switzerland.

Life and Death

Regarding "For Texas Death Row Inates, There's Life on the Job" (Jan. 13) by Francis Clines:

The author misses the essential probns and thus distorts the fate of death row prisoners. The work program of Ellis Unit is not comparable to a regular workplace. Ellis Unit transforms a world where you work to live into a world where you work while waiting to be killed. Such a transformation indeed deserves to be on your front page - but it should have been told in a very different way.

CLAUDIA von TROTHA. Freiburg, Germany.

Misplaced Protest

Regarding "Singapore Commits American Vandal" (World Briefs, March 12):

Perhaps I have been out of the United States for too long, but I cannot understand the hubbub over Singapore's sentencing an American youth to six strokes of the cane for vandalism. In particular, I do not see what justi-

fies President Bill Clinton's issuing a "strong protest." I accept protesting a clearly egregious, inhumane sentence (e.g. severing a limb). But I hardly believe caning meets that definition.

We Americans, alas, have precious little to teach the world about effectively deterring crime. Perhaps a few judicially scarred buttocks in the United States would make a modest contribution in that direction.

MICHAEL CALINGAERT.

Accentuating the Positive Regarding "What's an Alitalia Manager to Do?" (Business/Finance, Jan. 25):

I applaud the sense of humor dis-played in the article on Alitalia. Such things as sale-and-leaseback operations (for some of which management is under investigation), asset sales and accounting creativity are called "reducing

losses"; gaining market share on the least profitable of all routes (the North Atlantic) is depicted in a positive light. It is even suggested that a company burdened with debt whose equity base will probably have to be slashed following this year's losses could be privatized! Thank you for adding this new dimension to one of my favorite newspapers. FLAVIO PARINI.

No Bother at All

Regarding "World of a Florentine Prince" (Features, Feb. 12):

The otherwise thorough review of the Accademia Italiana's "Renaissance Florence: The Age of Lorenzo de' Medici (1449-1492)," states that, after Savonarola's execution in 1498, "the denunciation of corruption in private morals and politics in Florence and in Rome by the Dominican friar Girolamo Savonarola would no longer bother Lorenzo." But it hadn't been bothering him at all. As the title of the exhibition suggests, Lorenzo had gone to his rest six years previously. THOMAS BOURKE

This Boisterous Male-Basher Sees Much in Men to Love

By Elizabeth Austin

OAK PARK, Illinois — Over lunch a few weeks ago, I complained mildly to a friend that my daily life has become almost exclusively feminine. As a writer working at home and raising two small daughters, I can go for weeks at a time and never see an adult male during daylight hours. There are long stretches when my husband is literally the only man in my life. I miss the camaraderie of men. I told my friend. I miss the guys in the

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office, the Monday morning updates

on bachelor weekends spent in relent-less pursuit of anecdotal material. I miss the arcane debates over which songs truly should be classified as rock anthems. I even, abashedly, miss the rough talk, the blatantly sexist comments delivered barely within earshot, with a slanted glance to gauge whether I would rise to the bait. I just miss the little darlings, I admitted to my friend.

"That's because you're a male-identified woman," she commented airily. "What's that?" I responded. "A slut

with a philosophy degree?"
But I knew exactly what she meant, and she is right. If I am having one of my rare lunches with a male friend, i always wear more makeup. If a friend's early-returning husband interrupts an afternoon of tea and conversation in her kitchen, my hands fly, of their own volition, to smooth my good-enough-for-carpool hair.

It is a bit embarrassing for a feminist to admit that her sense of herself as a woman is defined by men. Yet I would bet my entire Lancome skincare regimen that I am not alone.

After all, women only got to be wonderful in the last decade or so. When I was growing up, in the '60s and early '70s, women were not seen as nurturing and warm and relational and life-affirming. They were gossipy and small-minded at best; more likely, they were unprincipled schemers who would stop at nothing in the endless competition for male attention. My mother warned me again and

again that other girls were two-faced back-biters, that only men were brave, straightforward and true. Her vision of women was confirmed by an endless stream of crafty heroines in movies and TV shows that I eagerly devoured, like satin-covered boxes of bonbons. It's no wonder I grew up longing to be one of the guys.

Most of my school friends were

boys. I was deeply flattered that they felt comfortable telling me about their highly questionable conquests. I felt privileged to listen in as Mike and Jeff debated the pressing question of whether Valerie stuffed her bra with Kleenex - and I felt no sense of trea-

son when I was dispatched, undercover as it were, to the girls' locker room to finally settle the issue (she didn't). I always felt like I had to stand on

tiptoe to prove myself worthy of my male friends. I remember one night when Greg and Andrew came to pick me up for yet another aimless evening of wandering around our hangouts. looking for something to do. "To-night, we're going to be cute, clever and quick," Greg announced as he walked in the door. I can still feel the sinking sensation that I might be the one who would let down the side the girl. And when I heard, a few weeks later, that Greg had proclaimed that girls just weren't as funny as guys. I was relieved to hear he didn't disagree when someone mentioned my name as the notable exception.

Now that I've found sisterhood and got religion, I can barely recognize myself in that girl who felt so proud when her husband's college chums complimented him on finding a woman who could tell dirty jokes just like a man. But I know she is still lurking in there somewhere, waiting to show off with some shrewd comment about the Cubs' chronic dearth of left-handed relievers.

I think about this sometimes, as my girlfriends and I revel in a few boister ous rounds of male-bashing. Just as I short-changed women in my girlhood wonder if we are now underestimating men. As my girifriends and I nod sagely over yet another example of smart wife, foolish husband, or as I swiftly channel-surf past the monotonous parade of Peter Pans and Don Juans trotted out on the talk-show stages, I fear we have swung the pendulum a bit too far. I know now that loyalty, strength, courage and affection are genderless. But if we sing the praises of the feminine virtues, should we not look to see whether there aren't still a few male ones as well?

Although it is not fashionable to admit it, I sometimes like the way men ignore the personal to focus on the big picture. It may be a drag when my husband does it, but it seems manly when President Bill Clinton flies straight from his mother's graveside to the Kremlin.

After spending hours engaged in the feminine task of emotional dissection, sometimes find it soothing to be around a man who feels more than he expresses. And there is a species of male sweetness that I cannot define, but that I cherish.

So all right. I am male-identified, and likely to stay that way. And anyone who wants to make something of it should remember that I have some very muscular friends.

Ms. Austin is a writer living in Oak Park, Illinois. She contributed this comment to The Washington Post.

PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY HONG KONG

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Provisional Airport Authority (PAA) has been established by the Hong Kong Government to design, construct, commission and operate Hong Kong's new airport at Chek Lap Kok. The PAA will put out to tender a number of contracts for construction, buildings, specialist systems, materials, equipment and services for which it intends to maintain a register of approved contractors, manufacturers and suppliers who are financially and technically capable of undertaking this

The PAA presently is inviting contractors, manufacturers and suppliers to pre-qualify for the following:

Infrastructure Mechanical and **Electrical Works**

-Water Pumping Stations -Sewage Pumping Stations -Oil Interceptor Pumping Stations -High Voltage Systems -Low Voltage Systems -Emergency Power Systems -Street Lighting -Telephone and Communications Cabling

Special Airport Works

-Airfield Markings

-Aircraft Loading Bridges -Aircraft Pre-conditioned Air Systems -Aircraft Fixed Ground Power Supply Systems -Aircraft Parking Aids -Airfield Lighting System -High-mast Apron Lighting System -Airfield Concrete Pavements -Airfield Flexible Pavements -Airfield Interlocking Block Pavements

Architectural and Fit-out Works

-Curtain Walls -Glazing and Skylights -Roofing and Accessories -Metal Decking

-External Cladding

-Metal Doors and Windows -Sheet Metal Work -Waterproofing

-Insulation

-Expansion Control -Drywall Partitions and Doors

-Ironmongery

-Architectural Panels

-Omamental Metal Work

-Plastering, Painting and Wall Covering -Block and Tile Masonry

-Finish Carpentry and Joinery -Customised Cabinet Work, Consoles and Work

Stations -Casework

-Floor Coverings

-Hard Stone/Terrazzo Floor Finishes -Special Elevated Floor Systems

-Signs and Graphics

-Office Furniture and Fittings -Public Area Seats and Fittings

Building Services Works

-Potable and Flushing Water Distribution

-Sanitary Piping -Plumbing and Washroom Fixtures

-Fire Extinguishing Systems

-Ventilation and Air-conditioning -Refrigeration Plants and Chilled Water Distribution

-High and Low-Voltage Distribution Systems -Lighting Fixtures and Wiring

-Lifts -Escalators

-Travelators

Electronic and Control Systems

-Flight Information System -Gate/Stand Allocation

-Public Address -Trunked Mobile Radio

-Closed Circuit TV -Access Control & Detection

-Building Management System

-SCADA System -Passenger & Bag Security Screening

-Master Systems Integrator -Information Network

-Network Management

-ISO Structured Query Language Database

-Voice & Data Cabling

-Time Generation & Display

-Cable Management System -Integrated Digital Switching/Transmission Systems

-Host LAN (Local Area Network) -Master Antenna TV System -PABX System

Materials and Equipment

-Transformers -Chillers -Air Handling Units

-Power Cables

-Fibre Optic Cables -Electrical and Lighting Fittings & Fixtures

-Water Piping & Fittings -Structural Steel

-Chlorination Equipment

-Water Screening

-Cast Iron Products

-Pumping Equipment -Triculators & Compactors

-Street Furniture and Signage -Underground Ducts

-Pre-cast Concrete Products -Diesel Generator Sets

-HV & LV Switchboards

-Compacting Equipment -Proof Rollers

Plant

-Concrete Plant

-Asphalt Plant -Pre-stressing Systems

-Bridge Bearings -Landscaping -Fences and Gates -Material Testing and Services

In addition, the PAA encourages responses from companies with modularisation and/or pre-fabrication abilities for the above.

Ancillary Works and Construction

All companies, with a proven track record, interested in obtaining a pre-qualification questionnaire from the PAA should do so in writing (post or fax) not later than Friday, 8 April 1994, 5:00 pm (Hong Kong time) to the following address:

The Project Director Provisional Airport Authority 25/F Central Plaza 18 Harbour Road Wan Chai

Attention : Ms. Stella Fok

Tel: (852) 824-7724

Hong Kong

Fax: (852) 802 8231 Questionnaires should subsequently be returned by

Monday, 25 April 1994, 5:00 pm (Hong Kong time).

All contractors, manufacturers and suppliers must be prequalified with, and approved by, the PAA to be eligible for receipt of tender documents and participation in bidding for the works. Joint ventures will be considered for pre-



Tiger in Danger of Extinction

By John F. Burns New York Times Service

ANTHAMBHORE, India -When this reach of dry forest and lotus-covered lakes in central India was a private hunting reserve of the Maharajah of Jaipur, the beaters' cries of "Bagh! Bagh!" — tiger, tiger — sounded the death knell for the animal considered by

many as the greatest of the cats.

The tigers that fell here to the hunters' guns were among tens of thousands agged" during the period of British rule in

Now, in the forest stillness, it is the shrill calls of the langur monkeys and the sambar deer that signal a tiger's approach. But it is a call that is heard with increasing rarity, for Ranthambhore's tigers, like all India's tigers in the wild, are threatened more than they ever were in the era of the maharajahs and the British sahibs who made sport of shooting tigers from hunting towers and the safety of elephants' backs.

The Bengal tigers that roam India's for-ests and grasslands, and the five other surviving tiger species elsewhere in Asia, are in danger of becoming extinct.

At the turn of the century, after at least a millennium of tiger-hunting, perhaps 100,000 tigers remained in the wild, ranging across a vast triangle from the Caspian Sea in the west to Sumatra in the east, and to Siberia in the north. Now, wildlife experts believe there may be fewer than 5,000 tigers left, two-thirds of them living with growing precariousness in India.

After two decades of official assurances that tiger populations in India's reserves were on a healthy rebound, a series of poaching scandals, starting here in Ranth-ambhore two years ago, has prompted the government to declare a "tiger crisis" and promise urgent action to save the animal

that serves as a national symbol. For India, where the tiger has been alter- the threat to the tigers has shifted to poach-

and where it serves as a major tourist attraction, the realization that the tiger could die

out has come as a national shock. At an international conference in New Delhi this month, Kamal Nath, India's environment minister, won agreement from 9 of the 14 "tiger range" states in Asia — countries where at least some tigers survive in the wild — to join in establishing a new organization, the Global Tiger Forum, that will coordinate measures to combat poaching and to preserve tiger habitats.

But as the conference ended with ambiguous commitments from many of the countries that attended, and with none from China, which was among the countries that shunned the meeting, Mr. Nath echoed fears that tigers could soon disappear in the wild.

"If there are no new efforts made now," he said, "it will not take more than a decade

to see the tiger go." In the bid to save the tiger, India finds itself in an undeclared alliance with the United States, where President Clinton has lent his support to steps that could place U.S. trade sanctions behind the battle to

stop the tiger poaching.

At a meeting beginning next Monday in Geneva, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is expected to announce what action, if any, the United States plans to take after issuing warnings last fall to China and Taiwan. which have have been identified as the principal culprits in an underground trade driven by the use of tiger parts in traditional Chinese medicine.

For centuries the tigers' main enemies were hunters, who coveted them as trophies, and later a fashion industry that made an expensive accessory of the tiger-

But with the banning of tiger hunting as a sport in India and most other tiger-range nations nearly a quarter of a century ago and the outlawing of the trade in tiger skins, ers who have targeted them for the parts hunters once left as carrion: the skull and

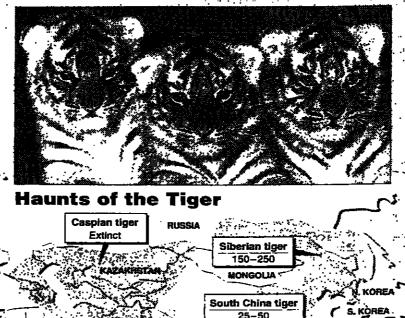
bones, the whiskers, sinews and the blood.
The trade is driven by booming markets
for ancient Chinese medicines and potions
made from tiger parts. In Hong Kong, China and Taiwan, and in Chinatowns across Europe and North America, Chinese apothcaries do a steady trade in tiger wines, tiger balms and tiger pills, celebrated among Chi-nese and other Asian peoples for their sup-posed powers to treat rheumatism, to restore failing energy and to enhance flagging sexual prowess, as well for the treatment of rat bites, typhoid fever and dysentery, among other ailments.

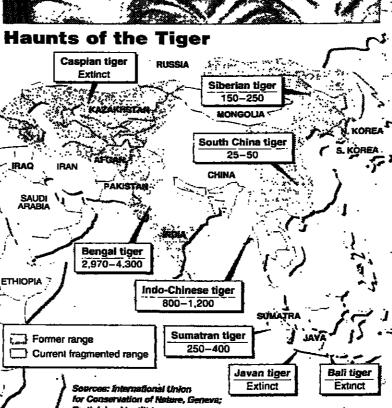
Among conservationists, Mr. Babbitt is seen as standing at a turning point not only for the tiger, but in the wider battle for the survival of wildlife.

AM LaBUDDE, an Indiana-born biologist who has traveled widely in the Asian nations engaged in the tiger trade, gathering evidence for the Earth Island Institute, a conservation group based in San Francisco, sent a letter to Mr. Babbitt after attending the New Delhi conference, saying the interior secretary's stand in Geneva would be a beliwether for the conservation movement

In the letter, Mr. LaBudde argued strong-y for punitive actions against Taiwan, saying evidence he gathered on a visit there last month, including visits to 15 apothecaries in Taiper and three other cities where tiger bone preparations were freely available, showed that Taiwan's compliance with U.S. demands was cosmetic.

"Beyond the very real question of whether tigers survive in the wild," Mr. LaBudde said, "the entire east Asian community is waiting to see whether the issue of species conservation is something that must be addressed substantively, or simply dismissed





Pre-Columbian Mummy Shows Signs of Tuberculosis

By John Noble Wilford New York Times Service

EW YORK - One thousand years ago, a woman in southern Peru died at the age of 40 to 45 and was buried in a stone tomb in a river valley near what is now the coastal community of No.

As sometimes happened in the desiccated climate of the Atacama Desert, her body dried out and was spontaneously mummified. Now, scientists have conducted a revealing post-mortem examination of the

well-preserved body. Their research offers new evidence that pre-Columbian Americans may already have been infected with some of the devastating diseases that were thought to have been brought to the New World by Columbus and other early explorers.

In the mummy's right lung and a lymph node, the scientists found scars of disease. These were small, calcified lesions typical of tuberculosis. Extracting fragments from the tissue, molecular biologists isolated genetic material betraying the presence of Mycobacterium tuberculosis. The woman probably died of something else, but she had harbored the infectious agents of the dreaded communicable disease

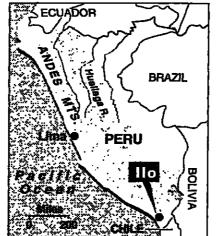
"This provides the most specific evidence possible for the pre-Columbian presence of human tuberculosis in the New World." the scientists reported in The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

For medical historians the results pose the problem of explaining how tuberculosis, thought to have evolved only in the pre-Columbian Old World in association with the domestication of cattle, could have arisen in the Americas centuries before 1492. Cows in the New World were an early

European import. For anthropologists, the existence of tu-berculosis in prehistoric Peru serves as important indirect evidence of living conditions in a society that many centuries earlier had made the transition from migratory hunter-gatherers to the sedentary life of

Although there had been some previous evidence for tuberculosis among prehistoric Americans, it was based largely on lesions in bones that could have been caused by other afflictions, like fungi and parasites, as

The excavation was part of a comprehensive archaeological survey of the Chiribaya,



a farming people who occupied the lower Osmore River valley from about A.D. 1000

They were descendants of people who had moved at least 2,000 years earlier from the highlands into such coastal valleys, where Andean meltwater flowed through the desert to the Pacific Ocean. They settled in villages, worked irrigated fields and produced distinctive textiles and ceramics.

The Chiribaya ceramics disappeared before the rise of the Inca Empire, which occurred in the Andes about a century before European contact, but other cultures continued in the valley, perhaps under Incan hegemony.

About five miles inland from the sea, the archaeologists found a cluster of nine cemeteries and opened 600 graves, at least onefourth of which contained naturally mummified bodies

They called in Dr. Arthur C. Aufderheide of the School of Medicine at the University of Minnesota at Duluth, who for more than a decade has specialized in studies of mummies from the desert of southern Peru and northern Chile, seeking new ways to determine the health of these ancient people.

In one of the 140 mummies he examined, Dr. Aufderheide detected no skeletal abnormalities or any evidence of disease in the heart, liver, bowel or other preserved soft tissue - until he inspected the intact, collapsed lungs. He immediately noticed the lesions and decided to make a more detailed study of the woman who, according to radiocarbon dating of liver tissue, died 1,000

As a pathologist, Dr. Aufderheide suspected tuberculosis. Typically, the disease spreads when people inhale the infectious microbes. In an otherwise healthy person. the body's defenses envelope the infection in scar tissue, containing the disease and preventing its spread.

Since there was no evidence of skeletal deformities associated with a full-blown case, Dr. Aufderheide concluded that the woman's disease had been contained. He could not determine the cause of death from the parts of the body that were well

Because previous evidence of pre-Columbian tuberculosis has been controversial, the researchers decided to submit some of the lesion tissue to a test using a technique known as polymerase chain reaction, or PCR. From minute amounts of tissue, the technology creates billions of copies of some selected segment of genetic material known as DNA.

Analyzing these results, Dr. Wilmar L. Salo, a molecular biologist at Duluth, determined that inside the lesions were preserved "a DNA segment unique to Mycobacterium tuberculosis" and that the lesions were caused by that infection.

Natural Swings Seen in Species. **Population**

By Carol Kaesuk Yoon New York Times Service

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EW YORK — From sudden plagues of locusts to mysterious declines in sought-after creatures like the Dungeness crab, the booms and busts of nature have puzzled researchers. A new study suggests that scientists may sometimes have difficulty finding an environ-

mental cause simply because there is not one.

In the study, published in the journal Science, researchers at the University of California at Davis found evidence that many animals, even when they are unperturbed by unusual weather or any other alterations in their environment, can undergo wildly unpredictable changes in their numbers.

Using a computer model inspired by the life cycle of the Dungeness crab, the researchers found that instability and change are the rule for these animals rather than the exception, that their population numbers whirl along through time, never settling down, even after tens of thousands of generations. The results, they say, suggest that nature is more unpredictable and unstable — and difficult to study — than researchers had

Researchers found that knowing how these populations change over a few or even a few hundred generations allows no insights into the populations' past or future behavior.

This presents a thorny problem for field ecologists and natural resource managers. Aiming to understand and often to control population fluctuations in the wild, these scientists may be at a loss, confined to just a few summers to do their work.

Inspired by the biology of the Dungeness crab, the researchers modeled a world in which one might expect simplicity if ever it were to be found. Along a theoretical coast, adults produce young, which disperse from one of hundreds of subpopulations to others, where the young form new groups of adults, which produce young the next year, and so on.

When there are too many or too few adults in one subpopulation, that group produces fewer juveniles for the next generation. But the environment never changes.

Despite the model's simplicity, over time the total number of individuals along the coastline fluctuated wildly. Most disturbing of all, total population numbers could remain steady for thousands of generations, then without warning suddenly boom or crash. They could even cycle nicely up and down they proved to checkly behaviors. down, then revert to chaotic behavior — and back and forth — over as many as 20,000 generations. Because no environmental changes are allowed in the model, the only causes for the increases and decreases are the internal dynamics of the population, like migration or competition for food or space.

HOUGH inspired by the Dungeness crab, whose young can disperse widely along a coast, researchers said these dynamics could be expected of any quickly reproducing animal with a sedentary life phase and a dispersing life phase, including many marine creatures, insects and even some small mammals like mice or voles.

"Of course from a pest insect point of view, it's a real problem," said Dr. William Murdoch, a population ecologist at the University of California at Santa Barbara. "If this is really what real populations are like, it presents a big difficulty in analyzing and predicting how they're going to behave. It makes things even harder than they were before."

Dr. Louis W. Botsford, a professor of wildlife and fisheries biology at the Davis campus, said that while it remains unclear how to translate the findings into management practice, the study is useful since it provides a potential explanation for the mysterious booms and busts to which many marine creatures

For example, he said, in the late 1950s, the crab population in central California declined from a catch of 12 million pounds a year to less than I million pounds. On the other hand, in the last few years, lobster catches in Maine have been about 50 percent higher than usual for no obvious reason, reaching a high for the century in 1990.

Some biologists cautioned that the new study, while a useful tool for understanding how populations might behave under some conditions, does not mean all populations are doomed to instability. How much of a role these dynamics play in the real world, they said, remains to be seen.

BOOKS

THE RECKONING:

The Murder of Christopher Marlowe

By Charles Nicholl. Illustrated. 413 pages. \$24.95. Harcourt Brace & Co.

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

I T was, even by Elizabethan standards, "a sudden and fearful end": on Wednesday, May 30, 1593, at the age of 29, the playwright Christopher Marlowe was stabbed to death, through his right eye, as he sat at supper with three men.

According to the official story, Marlowe and the man who stabbed him, one Ingram Frizer, had quarreled over the bill. Ingram, who claimed he had killed Marlowe in self-defense, subsequently received a pardon from the queen, while Marlowe — the celebrated author of Tamburlaine the Great, "Dr. Faustus" and "The Jew of Malta" was buried in an unmarked grave.

These are the bare bones of the story and the jumping-off point for the dazzling detective work on dis-play in "The Reckoning," a fasci-nating new book by the English scholar Charles Nicholl. As Nicholl notes in his introduction, the story is a jigsaw puzzle that's missing many pieces, and his book "is an attempt to fill in the spaces.'

The result is not a conventional Catholic insurgents and in rivalries work of history or biography but an among the queen's ministers.

As Nicholl describes it, Eli pothesis: an absorbing account of

Marlowe, of course, is best re-

Less frequently remarked upon is Marlowe's subterranean life as a spy and his supposed involvement both

WHAT THEY'RE READING

• Barbara Cartland is reading the manuscript of her own novel, "A Prayer for Love." I have just dictated a new book and now I am revising the book

well as tuberculosis.

before that I have written a book a fortnight for 20 years, which is a world record. I dictate to a secretary, lying on the sofa with my eyes shut and just go straight through."
(Barry James, IHT)



what probably or possibly hap-pened to Christopher Marlowe, and in the process, a minutely detailed portrait of the dark side of Elizabethan politics.

membered today for his plays, for his darkly lyrical poetry and for his bleak, frequently brutal portraits of single-minded heroes obsessed with money or status or power. He is also remembered, by some, as an atheist and blasphemer, a homosexual "roaring boy" who lived too fast and hung out with a bad crowd.

and was ready to jump either way."

in governmental efforts to subvert perhaps an emotional disposition

As Nicholl describes it, Elizabethan England was a hotbed of spies, informers, provocateurs and double and triple agents. "The political situation was volatile," Nicholl writes. "The Spaniards were threatening to engulf Europe, the queen was aging, the question of the succession was unresolved. England had reverted to Catholicism a generation ago, under Bloody Mary,' with attendant burnings, imprisonments and se-questrations. There was a real possibility of this happening again.
The spy kept a foot in both camps

Why would Marlowe want to join this "wilderness of mirrors"? Advancement, Nicholl suggests; money, entree to influential circles,

cruited during his student years at Cambridge for the intelligence service run by the queen's spymaster, Sir Francis Walsingham. It addition, Nicholl argues, the

Marlowe's death also had connections with this subterranean world of spies: Frizer, the man who supposedly stabbed the playwright. was a servant of Thomas Wal-singham, who had been employed in the secret service by his cousin Sir Francis; and the two witnesses to the killing, Nicholas Skeres and Robert Poley, were directly in-volved in intelligence work.

It is Nicholl's contention that Marlowe's death was not an accidental killing, resulting from a quar-rel over a bill, but an act of murder, resulting from Marlowe's political and intelligence affiliations. As Nicholl describes it, Marlowe was closely linked to Sir Walter Raleigh. the famous Elizabethan courtier and poet who was contending with the Earl of Essex for the coveted position of queen's "favourite."

Meanwhile. Skeres appears to have been working for the faction supporting the Earl of Essex. a faction that wanted to discredit Marlowe as a means of discrediting his friend Raleigh.

Nicholl further suggests that when efforts to slander Marlowe as a dangerous atheist failed, the Essex faction decided to take further steps. In Nicholl's opinion. it matters little whether Skeres — or Frizer — actually struck the blow that killed the playwright; as he sees it, Skeres remains the villain responsible for the deed.

Poley, the third man present at Marlowe's death, would have ostensibly been on Marlowe's side. Nicholl says, since he like Marlowe, had done intelligence work for Sir Robert Cecil, another rival

This highly convoluted narrative along with dozens of further complications is laid out by Nicholl in clear, lively prose. In the end, Nicholl's glittering reconstruction of Marlowe's murder is only one of the many fascinating aspects of this book. Indeed. "The Reckoning" is equally compelling for its masterly evocation of a vanished world, a world of Elizabethan scholars, poets, con men, alchemists and spies, a world of Machiavellian malice, intrigue and dissent.

Michiko Kakutant is on the staff of The New York Times.

IN BRIEF

toward intrigue. In any case, the A 2,500-Year-Old Murmmy

playwright seems to have been re-MOSCOW (AP) - Russian scientists have found the frozen mummy of a Scythian noble-woman who died 2,500 years ago and was buried high in the mountains of Siberia, accord-

ing to an ITAR-Tass report. The news agency called the find in the Altai three men who were present at Mountains "sensational," noting it also included wood, leather and felt ornaments buried with the woman and still in excellent condition. "To have a body that's preserved in a frozen

state and that also has the articles associated with the individual would be a pretty significant find," said David Hunt, an anthropologist at the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution, in Washington. The Scythians were an ancient Slavic people who inhabited the steppes of eastern Europe

Addiction: One-Gene Theory

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A single gene may lie behind an addiction to food, alcohol or drugs, according to researchers' findings published in the Journal of Eating Disorders. "The environment shepherds people one way

or another," said Dr. Ernest P. Noble, a professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the University of California. Los Angeles. "If they're in a home that uses a lot of alcohol, they become alcoholics. If cocaine is around, they become cocaine users. If there's food as a way

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of giving a reward, those children might grow

up to be obese." His findings center on a dopamine receptor gene that is responsible for sensations of pleasure or reward. A particular form of that gene, previously linked to alcohol and cocaine abuse. may also cause adults to crave carbohydrates

ond eat too much, he found.

Dr. Harvey Kaslow, a member of the physicalogy department at the University of Southern California School of Medicine, called Dr. Noble's finding "another example of a hereditary association with obesity, which implies a genetic basis that contributes to obesity,

TB Cases Drop in New York

NEW YORK (AP) - New cases of tuberculosis dropped 15 percent in New York City last year, the first decline in a decade for the United States's most-infected city, but health officials warned that the decline did not mean the city's

epidemic had been reversed.
"It's not the end of the buttle but in many ways only the beginning. We recognize that this may just be a blip on the radar screen," said Margaret Hamburg, the city health commis-

Tuberculosis, a lung disease transmitted by airborne bacteria, was once thought to be under control. But it resurged sharply about 15 years ago and has reached epidemic levels in New York City, especially among some immigrant

and low-income groups. The proliferation of the

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disease has been helped by the appearance of strains resistant to known drug treatments. New York City has about 400 patients, with so-called "multi-drug resistant" TB — 61 percent of the national total, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Passive Smoke: Heart Risk

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - Passive smoking caused a significant increase in the severity of heart attacks suffered by laboratory rats, according to a study researchers at the University of California at San Francisco. Their findings bolster other studies indicating that exposure to other people's tobacco smoke, known as passive smoking, increases the risk of heart disease death by 30 percent.

"People who experience relatively brief exposure to secondhand smoke are adversely affecting their hearts," said Stanton Glantz, a coauthor of the study. The team's findings are reported in the American Heart Association's journal, Circulation.

Hormone May Inhibit Tumor

LONDON (Reuters) - A by-product of human hormone production could be used to block tumor growth. European researchers re-port in the science journal Nature. The German, Swiss and Finnish researchers said they found that 2-methoxyoestradiol, a by-product of estrogen production stopped the growth of

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

J AMES E CAYNE of Manhattan, president of Bear, Stearns Inc., the brokerage house, and Kathie Wei-Sender of Nashville. competed in Beijing in a one-table duplicate game. And that, by defi-

nition, is impossible. The results were scored by a committee of judges. The players gained points if they did better than a result determined by the committee as "normal" and lost points correspondingly. Cayne won the event with con-

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deal. As South he made a rather

remarkable balancing bid of three no-trump when the opening threeclub bid came around to him. This would have failed, barring a friend-

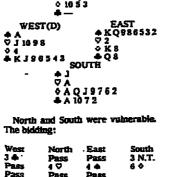
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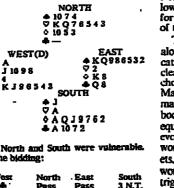
three no-trump.
It would have paid East to save in six spades, but that was certainly hard to judge. He passed, and West led the spade ace. He shifted to a art, and South won with the ace, ruffed a club in dummy and led the

East was now helpless. He chose to ruff with the diamond king, allowing for the possibility that his partner held a singleton diamond queen. South overruffed and led a trump to dummy's ten. He was now able to throw one club loser on the heart queen, and a trump remained in the dummy to ruff the other. It would not have helped East to ruff the heart king low, for South would have overruffed, cashed the dia-Wei-Sender as North retreated mond ace and made the slam simi-

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West led the spade ace.



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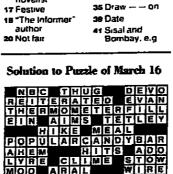
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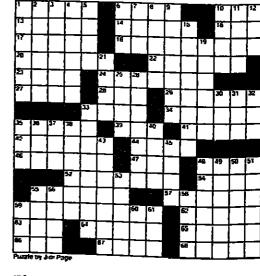
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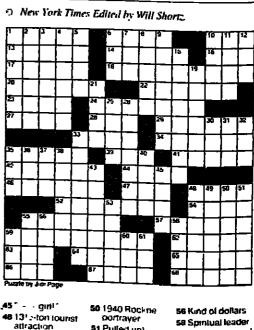


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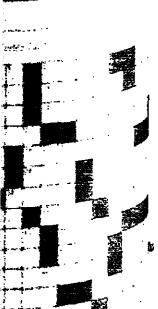
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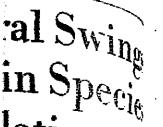
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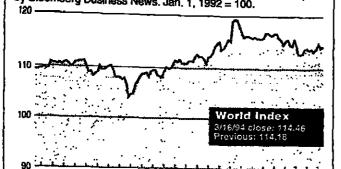






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Finance	118.13	117.56	+0.48	Consumer Goods	100.15	99.99	+0.1
Services	121.83	121.63	+0.16	Miscellaneous	129.01	129.53	-0.4

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Pentagon — Friend of the Earth? Military Takes Interest in Low-Pollution Technology

By Matthew L. Wald

New York Times Service NEW YORK — The urge to develop an electric car has become a holy quest for environmentalists, who seek an antidote for smog, traffic noise and reliance on oil,

But lately, this technology has found an unexpected patron: the U.S. Department of Defense, which sees hattlefield uses for electric-vehicle systems.

Although some environmentalists express misgivings about the Pentagon's patronage, in the last few months the American military has been dispensing money to various civilian electric-car ventures, including a company in Georgia working on a computer-controlled battery charger, a maker of fuel cells in Connecticut, and a Massachusetts company that has been converting gasoline cars to battery power and wants to design an electric vehicle.

Where environmentalists see the possibili-

ty of quieter traffic and cleaner air, military strategists imagine vehicles slipping stealthily over enemy terrain and armored personnel carriers that have no exhaust pipes and so cannot be spotted by infrared detectors. "At night, they can't see you, they can't

hear you, they don't know you're there," said Major Richard C. Cope. a Marine who is leading the military's charge into electricvehicle research.

Major Cope is a project manager for the Advanced Research Projects Agency, which was known during the Cold War as the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

Without fanfare, the agency has become one of the major sources of funding for various technological pieces of the electric car including electrochemical batteries, batteries powered by spinning flywheels, new types of charging systems, electronic controllers and various other commonents.

of 1995, the agency itself expects to spend \$68 million, and private industry somewhat more, for research into electric and hybrid vehicles.

This technology transfer can make for strange partners. Environmentalists tend to he "the same people who in the 1960s were protesting a war," said Sheila Lynch, who heads the Northeast Alternative Vehicle Consortium. But in peacetime, she said, if a big civilian project needs government help, there are advantages to working with the military.

"No one can expedite a project faster than the Defense Department," she said, "because they have a battle attitude."

The warriors return the compliment, In many areas, Major Cope said, the "commercial guys are so far ahead of us" that he was

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Chevrolet's New Campaign Skips the 'Heartbeat'

By James Bennet New York Times Service

DETROIT - With its strong products and canny marketing, the Chevrolet Motor divi-sion for decades meant affordable style, power and patriotism to its customers. It also meant big profits for the company it dominated and defined, General Motors Corp.

So it was no coincidence that GM's earnings suffered as Chevrolet's image rusted after the late 1970s. Chevrolet sells as many cars and trucks as all of GM's other divisions combined. But customers just would not buy dull or

ugly cars like the instantly forgettable Corsica and that regrettably unforgettable whale, the Caprice.

While people who hought Bel Airs in the

'50s or Impalas in the '60s or Caprices in the '70s used to seem cool or sexy or sensible, in the '80s those attributes gave way to something a lot less wholesome.
"It would have been a little bit socially

unacceptable at times to have some person drive up to pick up your daughter in front of your house in a Chevrolet," said Jim C. Perkins, the blunt Texan whom GM lured back from Toyota Motor Corp. to be Chevrolet's general manager and a GM vice president. We weren't on many consideration lists."

Chevrolet is still huge: Last year it sold more vehicles than Chrysler Corp. But in 1978 it sold 3.7 million cars and trucks, compared with 2.3 million last year.

Restoring Chevrolet's sales power is vital to GM's comeback, which is why the division

is in the middle of the fastest product overhaul in its history.

From 1992 to 1997, Chevrolet intends to introduce 19 car and truck models, replacing almost its entire line. At the same time, it is trying to train its dealers to provide consistent, friendly service throughout the life of its vehicles. To convince buyers that Chevrolet is re-

turning to its old glory, the division plans to drive a stake through its eight-year-old advertising theme. "The Heartheat of America," in favor of a new slogan intended to evoke the good times: "Genuine Chevrolet."

The theme is part of GM's effort to differentiate its seven marketing divisions, many of

See CHEVROLET, Page 15

U.S. Puts Off JAL Hawaii Route Request said Wednesday the move reflected their efforts to add flights at the

By Steven Brull

manonal Herald Tribuni TOKYO - ln a gesture meant to step up pressure on Japan to improve U.S. access to its aviation market, the Federal Aviation Administration has deferred a decision on whether to grant Japan Air Lines Co. permission to fly a new route between Honolulu and Sendai in northeastern Japan. A U.S. embassy official in Tokyo

frustration that American carriers new airport. were being denied adequate access to the Kansai International Airport in Osaka, which will open in September.

24-hour facility and is meant to boost the number of flights into Western Japan, But American carriers have complained that the

In addition, the decision reflects

dissatisfaction that Northwest Airlines and United Airlines were denied approval to fly without restric-Kansai will be the country's first tions between the United States and Australia via Japan last year, the official said. Washington believes its 1952 bi-

Ministry of Transport is thwarting lateral air accord with Tokyo gives

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U.S. investment accounts for 64 percent of the \$44 billion in foreign

capital that has poured into Mexico during Mr. Salinas's administra-

tion. The economic slump, and

more recently, a decline in stock

prices, has made Mexico a less de-

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and start reviving the economy.

The revised GDP figures, con-

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government statistics agency rather than the Treasury Ministry, con-

trast with preliminary year-end fig-

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quarters and simply reported that 1993 was the seventh consecutive

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Mexico's overall growth for 1993

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its carriers the right to fly beyond Japan to other points in Asia without restrictions. But Japan and Australia, alarmed by the growing presence of U.S. carriers in the world's fastest-growing aviation market, forced Washington to accept a three-year agreement in December that gave two carriers from both the United States and Australia the right to make only three flights weekly via Japan.

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of profit in the company. "This is a good deal for the floor for official rates.

Saudi Sheikh Buys Sweden's Top Oil Firm

leum Holding, owned by Sheikh dustry and commerce minister.
Mohammed Amoudi of Squdi Arabia, embarked on what it called a "strategic concentration" in northern Europe on Wednesday by buying Sweden's largest oil concern, OK Petroleum AB.

Corral paid 9.5 billion kronor (\$1 billion) for OK Petroleum, Scandinavia's largest oil refiner, handling about 25 percent of the region's capacity.

The costs include 3.6 billion kronor to make payments on OK Pe-troleum's debts, the Swedish national news agency reported.
Statements from Corral and OK

Petroleum announcing the deal did not mention the debt payments. They said only that Corral paid 5.9 billion kronor, buying 52 percent of the shares from the Swedish conglomerate Kooperativa Forbundet, 24 percent from the Swedish state, and 24 percent from Nexte Oy of Finland

OK Petroleum is one of Sweden's top 10 exporters, with petroleum product exports accounting for about half of the company's 19 billion kronor in annual sales.

"We intend for OK Petroleum to grow within its area of operations, in Sweden as well as the rest of Europe," said Ghazi Habib, a spokesman for the buyer.

The transaction includes all of the Swedish company's petroleum operations, ranging from prospect-ing, production and refining of raw oil through delivery of products. "I am convinced the buyer is

good for the group, our customers and our suppliers," said Sven-Erik Zachrisson, president of the Swed-ish concern. The OK management will remain in place and its 2,200 employees will not face job cuts, he Sweden's Ministry of Industry

tended to continue developing OK Petroleum as an independent company and to reinvest a "large por-

Swedish state as well as OK Petro-

STOCKHOLM - Corral Petro- leum," said Per Westerberg, the in-Sweden will earn about 1.4 bil-

lion kronor on the sale of its OK Petroleum stake, plus 125 million kronor in repaid state loans, the ministry said

Swedish equity dealers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that OK Petroleum's majority owner. Kooperativa Forbundet, de-layed the sale to take advantage of more favorable Swedish rules on capital gains which came into effect at the beginning of 1994.

German Rate Cut Has Investors Hoping for More

FRANKFURT - The Bundesbank on Wednesday extended its recent cautious policy of interest rate cuts, and investors speculated the move might be followed up by another easing of monetary policy as early as Thursday.

The central bank sanctioned a decline in a key money market rate. allowing its minimum securities repurchase rate, or repo rate, to fall to 5.88 from 5.94 percent last week.

The cut was smaller than investors had hoped for, but the reduction of 6 basis points was steeper than the cuts of 3 points seen in the previous two weeks.

Markets quickly swallowed initial disappointment that the rate had not been out more drastically and started focusing on the Bundesbank council meeting on Thursday when a cut in the 6.75 percent Lombard lending rate, the effective ceiling on official rates, was viewed a possibility.

"There is speculation of a quar-ter point off Lombard," said Armin Kayser, an economist with Swiss Bank Corp. He ruled out any reduction in the discount rate, the

INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

Amatil Thirsty for Markets

By Michael Richardson

International Herald Tribune SYDNEY -On a hot summer day, when Dean R. Wills, chairman and managing director of Coca-Cola Amatil Ltd., looks out his office window onto Sydney harbor, he can see some of the water, beaches and yachis that have helped make Australians among the largest per-capita consum-ers of Coca-Cola products and other soft drinks outside the United States.

These days, however, Mr. Wills spends a good deal of his time thinking about the growth poten-tial of emerging soft-drink markets in Central Europe and the Asia-Pacific region and how Coca-Cola Amatil can best exploit them.

In Indonesia, where the company manages three joint-venture bottling operations covering almost the whole country, the soft-drink market grew 15 percent in 1993 as the economy expanded and consumer purchasing power increased

nesian franchise, covering Jakarta and surround-Coca-Cola franchise products are the market leaders in Indonesia, with a share of more than 70

Coca-Cola Amatil took control of its third Indo-

Citing the country's youthful population of almost 190 million, the year-round equatorial heat, the Muslim ban on consumption of alcoholic drinks and a record of economic expansion, Mr. Wills said in a recent interview that the growth prospects for Coca-Cola Amatil in Indonesia were enormous, almost unfathomable."

Australia's per-capita consumption of soft drinks was 99 liters (104.5 quarts) in 1993, but indonesia's was less than two liters — well below that of other industrializing nations in Southeast Asia such as Malaysia (5.7 liters) and Thailand (7.5

"If we can increase our Indonesian sales by 15

percent annually, we will double current consump-tion in five years." Mr. Wills said.

Over the past five years, Coca-Cola Amatil, which is 51 percent-owned by Coca-Cola Co. of the United States, has divested itself of its tobacco. printing-packaging, poultry and snack-foods business to concentrate on producing and selling non-

alcoholic cold drinks. At the same time, with the encouragement of its American parent, Coca-Cola Amatil has developed an overseas empire by acquiring Coca-Cola franchises, building bottling plants and developing distribution and marketing networks in Austria, Hungary, the Czech and Slovak republics, and most recently in Indonesia.

The company now supplies 600,000 retail customers in nine countries, including Australia. New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Fiji, that have a consumer base of more than 250 million people. In its first step to test the market in the former

Soviet Union. Coca-Cola Amatil has agreed to form a joint venture in Belarus to produce and distribute Coke products there, starting this In 1993, Coca-Cola Amatil, which is listed on the

Australian stock exchange, had a 23 percent in-crease in net profit, to 95 million Australian dollars (\$68 million), on sales of nearly 2 billion dollars. Coca-Cola Amatil had an extraordinary profit of just over 242 million dollars, reflecting the sale of its snack-food operations to United Biscuits (Holdings) PLC of Britain in January 1993.

Richard A. Beaurepaire, director of industrial research at Bain & Co., a unit of Deutsche Bank AG, said he expected Coca-Cola Amatil's earnings to rise strongly over the next few years as the company's Central European, and later its Indonesian, operations became increasingly profitable.

Mr. Beaurepaire said that all Coca-Cola Ama-

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Inflation Victory Pushes Mexico Into a Recession

By Anthony DePalma

New York Times Service MEXICO CITY - The battered Mexican economy has slipped from slow growth into a formal recession with hardly a word of acknowledgment from government officials.

Figures just revised on Mexico's gross domestic product show that the economy declined in the third and fourth quarters of 1993. This is the first time that there have been two quarters of overall economic shrinkage, which is how U.S. economists define a recession, since President Carlos Salinas de Gortari took office in 1988.

Although Mexican officials are reluctant to say so, the figures strongly indicate that their strategy of bringing down inflation to single digits by cooling off the economy

has been too successful. Before Mr. Salinas took over in 1988, Mexico's annual rate of inflation was running above 150 percent. Last year, it was 8 percent after the government restricted the money supply and controlled wages and prices. But the belt-

tightening hurt manufacturing.
"It's clear they overshot," said
Lawrence D. Krohn, chief Latin American economist for Lehman

The downturn comes at a sensitive time. Mexico is in the final year of its six-year presidential cycle. time of when the government is usually at its weakest. In the past. those years have seen such events

Russia Expects **IMF Loan Deal** Within Days

Renters MOSCOW - Russia expects to reach agreement with he International Monetary Fund in the next few days on an economic reform program and a \$1.5 billion loan, a senior Russian official said Wednesday.

Konstantin Kagalovsky. Russia's representative at the Fund, said a deal would be sealed over the weekend in Moscow, after meetings between Michel Camdessus, the managing director of the Fund, and Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin.

Agreement on a \$1.5 billion loan would be good news for both sides. Moscow wants the Fund's endorsement of its credentials as a reformist government after the departure earlier this year of the policy-makers who were the architects of reform.

The Fund, meanwhile, is seeking to justify its position as one of the leading institutions in helping Russia fashion a free-market economy after U.S. criticism that it has not been aggressive enough in promoting reform. The Fund has already lent Russia \$2.5 billion.

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Subdued Inflation Lifts Wall Street

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — Government data showing U.S. inflation under control sent most stock prices and Treasury bond prices higher

On the New York Stock Exchange, advancing issues led de-cliners by a 13-to-8 ratio on moderate volume of 278.2 million shares. down from 303.28 million Tuesday. But the Dow Jones industrial average slipped 1.44 points, to 3,848.15,

U.S. Stocks

after a last-minute sell-off: the index had been higher for much of

The Labor Department reported that consumer prices rose 0.3 pera jump in energy prices that was seen by analysts as unsustainable.
The subdued inflation should give the Federal Reserve Board little reason to rush to raise interest rates, bond traders said.

In late trading, the price of the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose 1 1/32 points, to 93 1/32, which lowered the yield to 6.80 percent from 6.89 percent Tuesday. The strength in bonds shored up

Teléfonos de México's American depositary receipts led the New York Stock Exchange's most-active list, rising % to 61% on some bar-gain-hunting after the stock fell

sharply in the past week in line with the Mexican stock market. Mexico's Bolsa index also posted gains

U.S. Surgical rose 2% to 181/2 in active trading, lifted by the company's expectation for its first-quarter loss to narrow from the fourth quarter and for profitable returns for the rest of the year.

Mergers and acquisitions in the technology industry moved small-capitalization stocks. In over-thecounter trading, Adobe Systems lost 3 to 291/2 after launching a \$515.8-million bid for Aldus Corp. on Tuesday. Aldus surged 6% to 32% in active trading.

California Microwave Devices soared 714 to 2114 after news Hitacent in February, largely because of chi Metals plans to buy a 10 per-a jump in energy prices that was cent stake in the maker of electronics used for mobile computing and wireless communications.

Nike jumped 3 to 571/2, with lower third-quarter earnings offset by an increase in orders for the first time in more than a year. The world's largest athletic-shoe maker earned \$63.2 million in the quarter. compared with \$89.5 million a year ago, while revenue slumped 10 percent. But orders extending into the first quarter of 1995 rose 4 percent. the company said.

An upgrade from Smith Barney also gave Nike stock a lift. (Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder, AP)

Dollar Slips on Report Of Moderate Inflation

Compiled by Our Staff From Dupauches LONDON — The dollar turned lower Wednesday after the latest American inflation data reduced speculation that the Federal Reserve Board would push up interest rates in the near term.

Traders said the Deutsche mark also found some strength against

Foreign Exchange

the dollar ahead of Thursday's Bundesbank council meeting, as ous month, the overall consumer the market did not expect the German central bank to cut its discount rate.

Nick Parsons, head of the treasury advisory group at CIBC in London, said the "early tightening" camp, those expecting the U.S. central bank to raise rates again soon, was undermined by the report that U.S. consumer prices had risen a moderate 0.3 percent in February. including the effect of higher energy costs resulting from barsh winter weather.

continued to fall in New York trading, where it closed at 1.6890 DM,

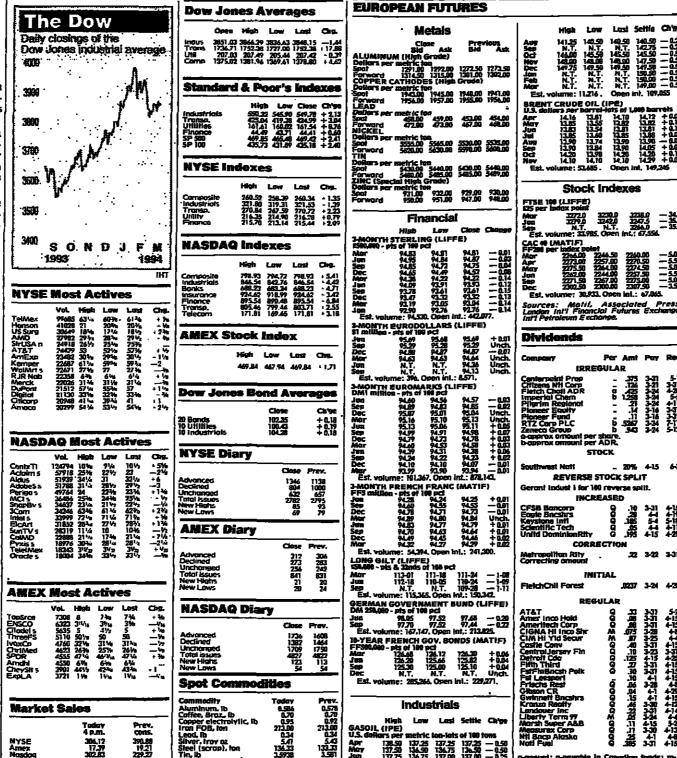
down from 1.6973 DM the previous day. The currency also slipped to 106.055 yen from 106.130 yen.

Against other major currencies the dollar eased to 1,4323 Swiss francs from 1,4440 francs and to 5,7420 French francs from 5,7730. The pound rose to \$1.4948 from

The inflation report was in line with the expectations of many on Wall Street, however. In the previprice index showed no increase, and the core index which excludes food and energy prices crept up just 0.1 percent.

Peter Luxton, an economic adviser at Barclays Bank, said the dollar's failure to break through resistance at 1.70 DM before the report had sparked some speculative selling

"The dollar is now looking very tired," be said. "There is no real upward momentum." But he said he still expected the U.S. central The dollar, which began easing bank to indicate a tightening in before trading ended in Europe, rates at its Federal Open Markets Committee meeting Tuesday. (Reuters, AFX)



O'Reilly Says Heinz Plans Baby-Food Takeovers

NEW YORK - Tony O'Reilly, the Irish investor and chairman of H.J. Heinz Co., said Wednesday that the American company would acquire baby food businesses in Europe, India and South America in the next few weeks in a plan to achieve "double-digit" growth in the next financial year.

The acquisitions and investments to expand Heinz's sizable share of the baby food market will exceed \$250 million, Mr. O'Reilly told the New York Society of Investment Analysts.

in worldwide baby food sales, with annual sales of \$631 million, or about 90 percent of Gerber's total baby food sales.

Heinz will make its first new investment in South America in 25 years and is considering. possible expansion into Argentina, Brazil and Chile, Mr. O'Reilly said.

Mr. O'Reilly has been active in acquisitions from his Irish base this year. Although Indepen-dent Newspapers PLC of Dublin, of which Mr. stock buyback, cost volume and prices.

Heinz ranks second to Gerber Products Co.

O'Reilly also is chairman, failed in a bid to take worldwide baby food sales, with annual sales over the Independent newspaper of Britain, it \$631 million, or about 90 percent of Gerber's did acquire 67 percent of Capital Newspapers PLC, a local newspaper publisher, for £4.8 million (\$7 million) last month. It also bought a 31 percent stake in Argus Newspapers of South Africa for 20 million punts (\$28 million).

> The Heinz acquisitions are part of a growth plan that Mr. O'Reilly said also included a stock buyback, cost cutting, and increased sales

U.S. Consumer Price Index Up 0.3%

WASHINGTON (AP) — Winter-related demand for fuel helped drive consumer prices up 0.3 percent in February, the largest gain in three

months, the government said Wednesday.

The increase was led by a 1.0 percent jump in energy prices in February. The "core" rate, which excludes the volatile food and energy. components, also rose 0.3 percent, led by a 0.5-percent increase in the

cost of housing. If prices continued to rise at the February pace, it would mean a

consumer inflation rate of 3.3 percent in 1994.

In a separate report, the Commerce Department said housing starts rose 4.1 percent in February. The Labor Department also reported that average weekly earnings, adjusted for inflation, fell 1.5 percent in February, the largest decline since September 1992.

Northrop Would Consider a Buyout

LOS ANGELES (Bloomberg) - The chairman of Northrop Corp., Kent Kresa, who started a bidding war for Grumman Corp. last week, said Wednesday he would consider offers for his own company.

"If there was a serious bid for us, we would look at it," Mr. Kresa said.

"Our preferred solution is to stay independent."

Wall Street analysts have suggested that Martin Marietta Corp. or another company might try to swallow Northrop to prevent it from taking over Grumman. Northrop's unsolicited bid for Grumman is worth \$60 a share, or \$2.04 billion in cash. It topped a \$55-a-share offer that Martin Marietta made earlier last week.

Northwest Cuts Stock-Price Outlook

NEW YORK (AP) - Lukewarm interest in Northwest Airlines' upcoming stock offering has forced the company to slash its price

expectations by about 35 percent, sources close to the deal said.

The offering, which had been expected as early as this week, has been pushed back until at least next week, the sources said. The harsh winter, a recent spate of fare sales and expectations for further discounting in the spring have prompted several Wall Street airline analysts to lower their expectations for airline earnings and have put off prospective investors.

Northwest had initially planned to raise at least \$380 million from the stock deal at a price of \$19 to \$2) per share. The new price of \$13 to \$14 per share means the airline would raise between \$260 million and \$280. million before paying underwriter fees.

U.S. Surgical Corp. to Slash 900 Jobs

NORWALK, Connecticut (Bloomberg) — United States Surgical Corp. said Wednesday that 900 jobs would be cut by the end of March. including those of nine of its 28 top executives.

The job cuts are the second round of a restructuring that already included 700 layoffs last year. The maker of surgical instruments said the restructuring, which should be completed this month, should save \$150 :

The company said it expected to post a loss in the first quarter but to be profitable in the remaining quarters this year. U.S. Surgical Stock rose \$2.25 to \$18,375.

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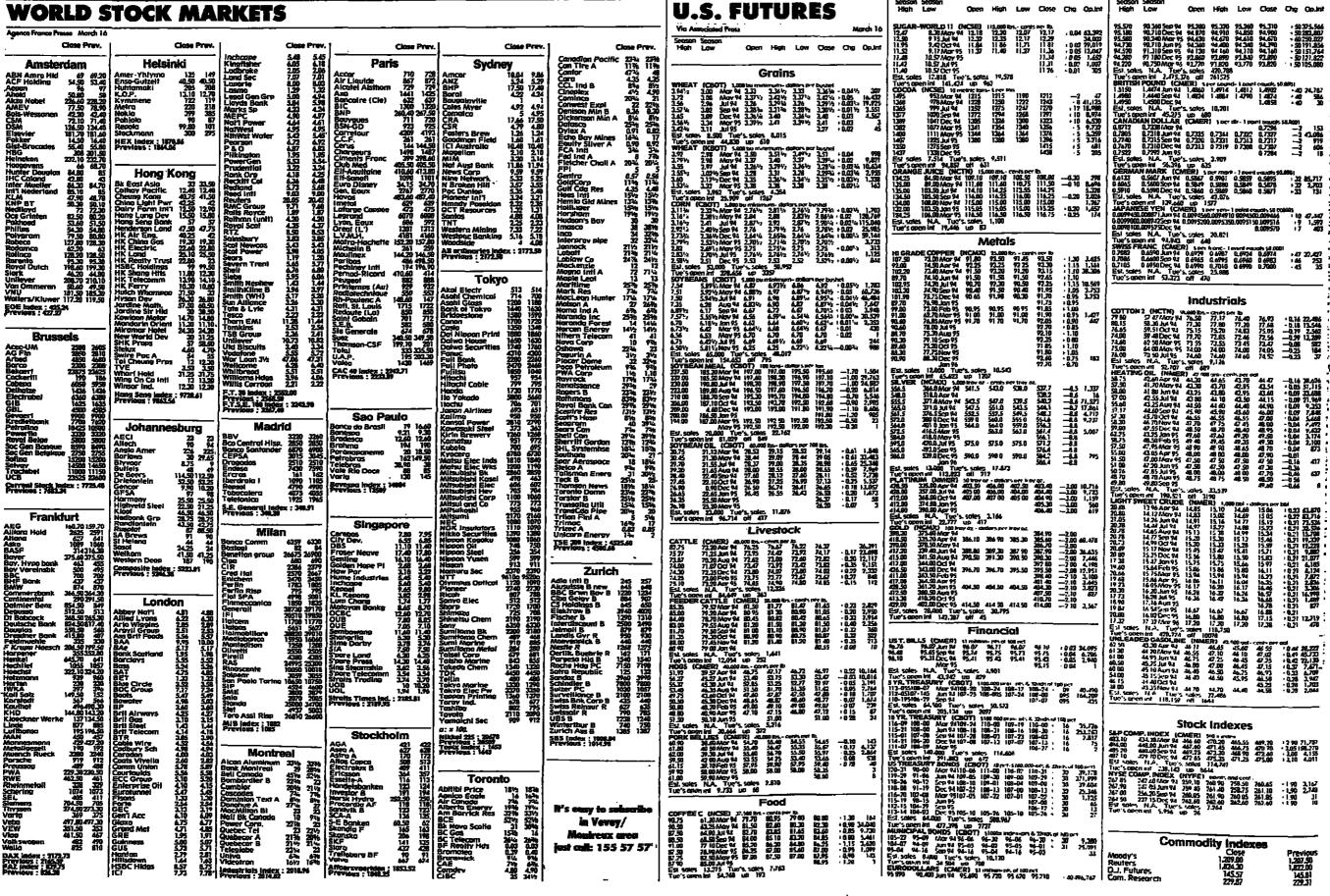
Washingon Post Co. said its Digital Ink Co. unit was planning an online news and information service that will allow computer users to access news from the Washington Post. The service will be part of Ziff-Davis Publishing Co.'s Interchange Online Network, a national service expected to be available by the end of the year. The Washington Post owns half of the International Herald Tribune.

The Associated Press appointed Stephen Claypole, editor of Reuters Television, as the managing director and chief executive of its new international news video division, APTV. The new enterprise will begin transmitting daily TV news services in November.

Clorox Co. said its directors would consider raising the 45-cent-a-share quarterly dividend at their July meeting. The company set a regular quarterly payout of 45 cents on Wednesday, payable May 13 to holders of

Gerant Cos. declared a 1-for-100 reverse stock split as part of its plan to reorganize under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. Gerant filed for Chapter 11 on March 4 because of the imminent foreclosure of a real estate limited partnership it agreed to buy. Gerant, based in Beverly Hills, . California, buys troubled companies and restructures them in effort to return them to prolitability.

Lunn industries inc., which makes fiber-reinforced plastic structures. said Wednesday Edwin Phelps, its president and chief executive, resigned and was replaced by Alan Baldwin. Lunn also said it sold its Norfield Corp. unit to Mr. Phelps.



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Nervous Britons ouble Working More, Spending Less

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LONDON — The British econo- compared with expectations of a my is expanding but consumers are 0.2 percent rise. January sales, nervous, data released on Wednesday indicated.

The government said unemploy-ment fell a seasonally adjusted 38,800 in February, to 1.75 million, as the jobless rate fell to 9.8 percent from 9.9 percent.

But although average earnings rose 3.25 percent in January, Feb-

Schroders Posts Surge in Profit

LONDON — Schroders PLC said Wednesday its 1993 pretax profit rose 85 percent, to £195.8 million (\$292 million), as turbulence in currency and stock markets boosted its fee income.

The report marked the first time the merchant banking concern had disclosed its pretax profit figure, in line with new European banking regulations. The number was above

analysis' expectations. Profit after taxes and minority interests, the figure traditionally released, more than doubled, to £140.3 million.

mary retail sales fell by 0.5 percent,

however, were revised upward to

0.9 percent from the previously re-

Analysis said the data were con-

sistent with a recent trend that

showed wary British consumers

spending freely during discount pe-

riods - which was the case in Jan-

usry - then staying away from

The February fall in sales may

point to consumer caution ahead of the massive £9 billion (\$13 billion)

worth of tax rises taking effect in

April, and pose a threat to the gov-

ernment's 2.5 percent growth fore-

Securities markets took the re-

ports badly, focusing on the earnings rise as a harbinger of inflation.

The yield on the benchmark 10-

year government bond issue jumped to 7.17 percent in late trad-

ing from 7.02 percent on Tuesday.

index fell 24.5 points, to 3,242.9.

supported by the outlook that bank

5.25 percent for the present. But

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base lending rates would remain at

cast for 1994, analysts said.

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What a Difference 13 Years Make This Time, U.K. Tax Rise has Economists Guessing

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LONDON — In a memorable display of consensus, 364 British economists published an open letter in 1981 warning that a major tax increase scheduled for April of that year would be a disaster for the economy.

Thirteen years later, Britons face another tax increase of roughly the same size. But this time, there is no consensus among economists. Few have firmly forecast fallout from the tax increase without sprinkling their opinions with caveats.

"No one is really willing to put their heads above the parapet," said Paul Johnson, an economist at the government's Institute of Fiscal Studies.

If there is anything close to consensus, it is this: Growth rates will stay at current levels only if consumers are ready to dip into savings to pay the taxes while leaving their income free to spend.

The savings ratio, which is the amount of disposable income consumers save versus what they spend, is crucial - and unknown. If people stop spending to pay for new taxes,

generally agree.

The success or failure of the government's economic policy depends largely on consumers' willingness to save less," said Roger Bootle, an economist at Midland Global Markets.

Some analysts said the drop in consumer credit in January and sluggish retail sales in February are evidence that consumers are already tightening their belts in anticipation of April's tax increase. Nigel Whittaker, with the Confederation

of British Industry, said February's sales figures indicate consumers are "holding back until they are sure just how much their pay packets are affected."

The Bank of England said in a recent report that it expected Britain's savings ratio to fall, although it was reluctant to put a figure on how far.

British consumers are facing nearly £9 billion (\$13 billion) of tax increases next month and £5.5 billion more in 1995. The net increase will knock about 3 percent off total personal disposable income. In terms of the

economic growth could suffer, economists economy, this is a tightening of about 2.5 percent of gross domestic product over the next 2 years. The London Business School recently add-

ed its voice to those expecting the tax increase to slow the economic recovery. David Currie, Andrew Sentance and Anthony Garratt, economists at the school's

Center for Economic Forecasting, said Britain's GDP growth would falter to 2.2 percent in 1995 from a forecast 2.5 percent in 1994 because of the biggest rise in taxes since 1981. In another report, the National Institute of Economic Research said tax rises will slow the pace of the recovery, but not for a year to

Even Chancellor of the Exchequer Kenneth Clarke said Britain's economic recovery could be "checked" by the tax increase.

For this reason, many economists said they thought the quarter-point cut in interest rates in February was merely the first of at least two rate cuts that the government would use to offset the impact of the tax increase on

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Klöckner Sees Profit in 1994

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

DUISBURG, Germany — Klöckner-Werke AG said Wednes-Stock prices were sharply lower as hopes faded for a near-term cut in interest rates. The Financial day its net loss narrowed for its Times-Stock Exchange 100-share 1993 financial year to a third of its level in the previous year and that it The pound rose to \$1,4932 from expected to return to profit this \$1.4923 in late London trading, year after selling two steel units.

the previous year. Sales for the year fell 14 percent, to 6.1 billion DM. The company said its operating loss in the year had widened to 375.6 million DM from 112.9 million.

Klöckner sold Klöckner Edelstahl GmbH last summer and sold two-thirds of Klöckner Stahl Gmbh in February. The company said it The company said it posted a net in February. The company said it loss of 195.5 million Deutsche planned to cut its work force to just marks (\$115 million) for the year under 19,000 by the end of the curthat ended on Sept. 30, narrowed rent year from 27,721 at the end of from a loss of 560.3 million DM in last September. (Bloomberg, AFX)

Very briefly:

• Société des Ciments Français SA, the French cement company, posted a net loss of 685 million French francs (\$1 billion) in 1993, compared with a (\$224 million) before taxes in 1993, up from £109.1 million earned in loss of 1.3 billion francs in 1992.

• France's budget deficit in 1993 was 315.7 billion French francs, 40 percent higher than in 1992 but less than the government's initial forecast of 317 billion francs. • The European Commission approved a Basque regional government

plan to take a 15 percent stake in a Spanish steel merger between Acero y Forjas de Azceitia SA and Corporacion Particio Echevarria.

• VDO Adolf Schindling AG, the German auto parts and electronics company, said its 1993 results were a "clear loss," but did not detail the figures. The company also said sales fell 2 percent in the year.

1992, primarily because restructuring efforts have begun to pay off.

• Grolsch NV posted flat net profits for 1993, at 43.5 million guilders (\$23 million), but predicted it would shrug off tough economic conditions to push profits higher this year.

• Western German wholesale prices rose 0.3 percent in February from a year ago and rose 0.5 percent from January. The Paris Court of Appeals sharply reduced a line for insider trading

against Pierre Berge, manager of two companies in the Yves Saint Laurent Groupe; the fine was slashed to 1.0 million French francs from 3.0 million. AFX, AP, Bloomberg, AFP, Reuters

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MILITARY: Pentagon Takes Interest in Pollution-Cutting Technology

CHEVROLET: GM Division's New Campaign Invokes Its Glory Days Prizm sedan that are selling as fast available as a coupe. For that modas the factories can make them. Mr. el, Mr. Perkins has reached back to

Continued from Page 11 happy to let private industry concentrate on components for the

electric car. "We can take the same motors, the same controllers, and put them in a humvee." he said, using the military abbreviation for the "high-mobility multipurpose vehicle"

that has replaced the jeep. It is little wonder, then, that the military has quietly become a research patron for dozens of small civilian projects in important electric-vehicle technologies.

For example, \$300,000 from the Advanced Research Projects Agency helped Electronic Power Technology of Norcross, Georgia, develop a computer-controlled battery charger.

Last month at the Atlanta Motor tance traveled by an electric vehicle While the company hopes its charger will lead to electric filling

electric fueling depots in case of a

which in recent years have sold

For Chevrolet, combining its

new image-building campaign with

the rollout of its new cars and

brand recognition, but it obviously

has an image problem," said Clive

Chajet, chairman of Lippincott &

Margulies, an identity and image consulting firm in New York. "Co-

inciding image changes with reality

changes like new styling and new

cars and whatever is the way" to fix

Whether Chevrolet can resusci-

tate itself, Mr. Chajet said, ulti-

mately depends on whether its new

cars are up to speed. "If the reality

really damaging the brand," he

Chevrolet has introduced some

relatively low-volume products such as the sleek Camaro, the Blaz-

er sport utility vehicle and the Geo

'Chevrolet has phenomenal

trucks is essential.

look-alike, similarly priced cars.

future Desert Storm or Gulf War way to help comply with Califor- destruction," said Barry Commontype of operation.

Even as the anticipated spin-off laws. of military technology into civilian vilian workshop to military lab - buses. and it already has a name. "They call it 'spin-on,' " a gov-

ernment scientist, Roger W. Werne of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California. joint nonmilitary projects with private industry.

Meanwhile, the Army's Cou-

struction Engineering Research Laboratory in Champaign, Illinois, is spending \$18 million for a dozen fuel cells from ONSI Corp. of ygen to make electricity, with water as a byproduct. The Pentagon is installing one at

Vandenberg Air Force Base in Calstations" for battery-powered cars, the Pentagon is thinking about struments that track missiles. Base resources should be used for the in a flywheel, or electrochemical, as commanders see fuel cells as one

Perkins has also made a few quick

fixes to bolster the sexiness of the

He took the unloved Chevrolet

Caprice (a car he derided as "the

Queen Mary"), equipped it with a

modified Corvette engine, painted it black, put on oversized tires and

resurrected the fabled Impala SS

label from a generation ago to produce a limited-edition, 260-horse-

power car that is sure to thrill some

auto buffs, or at least some would-

But that is just a Band-Aid. Now.

GM's crucial division is about to

introduce a crucial product - a

restyled Lumina sedan with which

Chevrolet and GM hope to begin

their march back into the heart of the market, the family sedan business. That market is dominated by

Ford Motor Co.'s Taurus and

The Lumina, which is expected

in showrooms in May, will also be

Honda Motor Co.'s Accord.

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'Quiet and reliable, such cells products seems to be disappearing could also provide electrical power like the atomic fallout shelter, a for remote bases. On the civilian significant trend has developed in side, such fuel cells are being used the opposite direction - from ci- for experimental pollution-free

The Advanced Research Projects sortiums, including the one headed by Ms. Lynch, made up of equip-ment manufacturers, electric utilisaid. Long a leading weapons lab-oratory, Livermore now is lining up a groups interested in electric cars. would be able to use this stuff mili-Funding through these groups has made possible projects such as designing an electric car.

Massachusetts, is at work on such a design, which may cost \$1.3 million them a few key secrets, would be-- a trivial amount by military come an adversary of the United Speedway, the battery charger South Windsor, Connecticut. The standards, it could have been an States," helped set a world record for discussions business b civilian enterprise.

wary about Pentagon aid, even if

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Chevrolet sold 219,683 Luminas

the Taurus and 120,977 Sables, the

Mercury division's version of the

and 100,000 Monte Carlos, in 1995.

Some critics have called the Lu-

mina's styling too conservative,

even for the staid family-sedan

"From what I've seen of the Lu-

mina's styling, it isn't a dramatic

enough change," said Susan Ja-

firm in Rutherford, New Jersey.

in 1993, while Ford sold 360,448 of rus.

with Ford's Thunderbird.

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er, director of the Center for the Biology of Natural Systems at Queens College, part of the City University of New York. But if scientists and engineers

avoided any work that had military uses, he said, "that would stop you from working on almost anything." The military, in turn, sees little

Agency sponsors six regional con-strategic danger from a batterypowered truck possibly falling into the wrong hands,
"Thinking of how potential adversaries of the United States

tarily against us, the world has changed," said Lennie Siegel, director of the Pacific Studies Center Solectria Inc. of Wilmington, in Mountain View, California. There is no one, who if you gave

tric technologies that the military Some environmentalists are would love to see American private industry develop before anyone else. Major Cope cited energy stor-"It troubles me that any of our age, which could be mechanical, as

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bags. That change automatically makes it a candidate for business

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The Lumina also shows that GM

has begun paying attention to the

trols toward the driver, added

Instead of the old Lumina's oily,

shiny interior, the new one has the

low-gloss look that buyers asso-

leapfrog its competitors the way the Taurus did in 1986 and Chrys-

years late," Mr. Knoll said.

ciate with luxury cars.

another classic name: Monte Car-ing, if only because it has two air

Chevrolet hopes to sell more nese cars. The car's developers an-

than 300,000 of the new Lumina, gled the radio and ventilation con-

For this year, the production storage compartments behind the changeovers will probably result in seats and increased the size of the

cobs. president of Jacobs & Associates, an automotive consulting did more recently. "It's a couple of

a further slide in Chevrolet's mar- glove compartment.

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til's markets had "the capacity for substantial expansion, including

its Australian base. Strong cash flow and the money received from the sale of the snackexpansion, without resort to new cause unacceptable hardship. equity raising," he said.

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Lid., added a note of caution. He said that while the potential of the Central European and Asian markets might be great, they were foods division "will enable the also liable to political and social company to fund both its current risks, including a possible antiinfrastructure investment and a American backlash if free-market reasonable rate of new franchise experiments were to break down or There is also the Pepsi threat.

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find a single Coca-Cola franchise Inc., and other soft-drink suppliers bottler servicing a whole country. temporarily on the defensive but determined to light back.

Coca-Cola Amatil has around 60 percent of the soft-drink market in bortling groups with solid manage-Australia, 45 percent in Austria ment and marketing skills," Mr. and 50 percent in Hungary. These Beaurepaire said.

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Power Outages Plague U.S. Control Towers

By Martin Tolchin New York Times Sernee WASHINGTON - Air traffic

controllers were guiding airplanes in and out of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport at 9:39 A.M. on Feb. 22 when they suddenly found themselves staring at blank radar screens. The radios used to communicate with pilots had also gone dead

A computer glitch had caused an extensive power failure, and backup systems, which are usually automatically activated at such times. had failed as well.

Radio contact was restored in two minutes, but it was 15 minutes before the radar screens began

Ten days later, on March 4. a contractor enlarging an air traffic-control center near Seattle-Tacoma International Airport caused a power surge that blacked out all radar screens for four minutes. It took more than an hour to put the

system back in operation.

These were not isolated incidents. Power failures occur hundreds of times a year at air traffic centers, providing a daily test of the nerves and inventiveness of flight controllers who find that they have suddenly lost contact with pilots who depend on them from takeoff

frequency of these power failures as an argument for their proposal to revamp the air traffic-control system by putting daily operations in the hands of a government-sub-sidized corporation rather than the Federal Aviation Administration. The officials say many of these failures are caused by antiquated equipment whose modernization has been delayed by onerous gov-ernment regulations that will be listed if the system is removed from government control.

But members of Congress who oppose the reorganization plan say that President Bill Clinton has the authority to wipe out these regulations by an executive order.

Air traffic controllers say the power failures can be harrowing.

"It's like driving down a winding road at 60 miles an hour, and clos-ing your eyes for a couple of minutes," said Will Faville, director of safety and technology for the National Air Traffic Controllers Association. "You have planes out there that are pointing at each other."

Federal officials said that power failures occurred 126 times last year at the agency's 20 air route-control centers, which direct traffic between airports, and 495 times at the agency's 181 airport-approach strophic failures." Mr. Rivers said. Sea.

departing aircraft.

ico F. Peña says that creating a corporation to manage air traffic will not only make it easier to mod-ernize the system but will also foster a change in culture to one that rewards initiative and efficiency. But others say that it is in the

nature of mechanical equipment to had a fatal accident in the United States since March 22, 1992.

Stanley Rivers, the aviation administration's acting deputy asso-ciate administrator for airway facilities, said the power failures were mostly caused by equipment fail-ure, loss of outside power, impaired telephone lines, interference from outside sources, and glitches in

computer software.

These failures seldom undermine aviation safety, Mr. Rivers said, because emergency procedures and backup systems usually take up the slack. At Dallas, however, a computer failed to have power trans-ferred to the backup system; in Seattle, the power surge disabled the backup system.

controllers are trained to accom-Transportation Secretary Feder- modate them. There is redundancy built into the system, and there are procedural means to accommodate

failures when they occur."

At Dallas-Fort Worth International, a spokesman for the FAA's southwest region, Debra Myers, described the atmosphere on Feb. 22 as extremely tense, with 10 airfail and that disasters can best be craft approaching the airport, 37 prevented by having adequate waiting to take off, and two cleared backup plans. They note that no to land. After radio contact was scheduled commercial airliner has restored, the planes cleared to land were guided down by controllers who could see them through the rain, while the remaining aircraft were told to fly in a holding pattern until the radar began to operate

At Seattle-Tacoma International, air traffic controllers without talking with pilots on the radio.

Oil Keeps Bosporus Closed

ISTANBUL - The Bosporus waterway remained closed for a third day on Wednesday following a collision between an oil tanker and a freighter, although the burn-

Wednesday's Prices
NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time.
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EUROPEAN TOPICS

France Weighs Its Appetite For Booze and Tranquilizers

The French are, according to some statistics, the world's biggest consumers both of alcohol and prescription anti-depressive drugs. But voices are increasingly being heard for the reform of a system that encourages this.

In all, French doctors wrote out 60 million prescriptions last year for sedatives, tranquilizers and anti-depressants - more than for any other class of pharmaceuticals but antibiotics and painkillers.

Sales of the popular new mood regulator Prozac were up 16 percent last year from 1992, amounting to one-sixth of all anti-depressives sold. Meanwhile, alcohol consumption averaged an alarmingly high 11.9 liters of pure alcohol.

The costs to society are clear: French roads are among the world's most dangerous, with nearly half of fatal accidents involving alco-hol; 60 percent of crime is alcohol-related; and mood-affecting drugs are subsidized at immense cost to the state.

An eminent French psychiatrist, Edouard Zarifian, has taken aim at the easy reliance on drugs in a new book, "Des Paradis Plein la Tête" ("Headful of Paradise"). To prescribe an anti-depressant to a jobless person whose

benefits are running out may seem normal, he says. But when the practice is repeated hundreds of thousands of times it amounts to a sort of society-wide medical treatment of unemployment. What's more, the person taking the drugs "loses his ability to examine the situation and try to gain control over it," he

told L'Express. What can be done? Dr. Gérard Massé. a psychiatrist, says that 30 percent of prescrippsychiatrist, says that to percent of prescrip-tions are for relationship problems better dealt with through counseling. The great ma-jority of mood-affecting drugs are prescribed by generalists. Dr. Zarifian says prescription

practices need tighter controls.

As to the alcohol problem, the National Association for the Prevention of Alcoholism has proposed five points, according to the daily InfoMatin: tighter enforcement of the advertising ban; a pricing system in bars and restaurants that would make nonalcoholic drinks less expensive than alcoholic beverages; a lowering of the legal blood-alcohol level for drivers; and creation of new alcohol-

ism treatment centers. Bad as it is, France's problem is not nearly what it was: The average Frenchman drinks less than half the alcohol he did in 1960. And in the '30s, ads in the Métro suggested: "Never drink more than two liters of wine a day."

Around Europe

In Sweden, a sharp rise in tobacco taxes has contributed to a 21 percent decline in the number of smokers. Tobacco taxes rose 39 percent at the end of 1992, raising the cost of a pack of cigarettes to 32 kronor (about \$4). Though anti-smoking campaigns in Sweden have become more aggressive - one ad

shows the slogan of a U.S. cigarette-maker printed over a graveyard — the taxes appear to be the main cause for the drop in smoking. Before the tax rise, the number of smokers had been declining by 1 percent to 2 percent

Faced with severely overcrowded prisons, Spain has begun expelling foreigners charged with or sentenced for minor crimes. The move should have considerable impact: 3,000 of the 6,500 people serving terms of six years or less are non-Spaniards. Public Prosecutor Eligio Hernández hopes the move will also persuade some foreign miscreants, who had counted on slipping between the slow wheels of Spanish justice, to leave.

Belgium, too, has begun early releases. Its prisons have a capacity of 5,900 but now house 7,550 inmates, the highest number in 50 years. Cases will be examined individually

The unending campaign to maintain the purity of the French language drew a constructive response in Le Figaro's letters column. Yvonne Lassagne-Sicard of Paris notes that, in the past, foreign words like fuel, riding coat and packet boat were painlessly absorbed into the language, but with French spellings: fioul, redingote and paquebot. Why not, she suggests, similarly transform such useful words as sandwich, chewing gum and blue jean? All right, let's try it: "Hold my sandouiche, s'il vous plaît, while I scrape the chouinegomme off my bloudegine."

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TOKYO - Nearly one of every four personal computers bought last year in Japan was made in the United States.

Low prices and strong marketing helped American personal-computer makers nearly double their share of the Japanese market in 1993, according to the market-re-search company Dataquest.

Computers from leading American companies such as Apple Com-puter Inc., International Business Machines Corp. and Compaq Computer Corp. accounted for 24.2 percent of sales in the Japanese market for personal comput-

Exports Lift Australia GDP

Reuters SYDNEY - Australia's Bureau of Statistics said Wednesday that the country's gross domestic product surged 4 percent in 1993, its best performance in over four years as exports swelled and as corporations built up their inven-

tories. The bureau also said that its GDP rose 1.7 percent in the last quarter of 1993, the strongest growth rate for any quarter since 1989.

Only Turkey, with a growth rate of 7 percent, and New Zealand, with a rate of 4.2 percent. exceeded Australia's performance among the members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

ers in 1993, compared with 15.1 percent in 1992, Dataquest said. "Foreign makers like Compaq were the first to introduce the idea of affordable personal computers to the Japanese market," said Katsushi Shiga, computer-industry analyst at Nihon Dataquest, the Japanese arm of the American

technology-research company.
Sales were helped by IBM's launching of a new operating sys-tem in 1992, Mr. Shiga said. Before then. American imports were unable to run Japanese-language software and so were used primarily for projects that required English.

With the introduction of IBM's DOS/V system. however, inexpensive American computers became bilingual, resulting in much-im-proved sales, Mr. Shiga said.

■ Nations Check Chip Sales U.S. and Japanese officials began meetings in Hawaii to deter-mine how American semiconductor companies fared in Japan in the fourth quarter of 1993, Bloomberg Business News reported.

Industry officials said figures on market share would probably be released next week. The two countries agreed in 1991

to set a target of 20 percent for foreign companies' share of the Japanese semiconductor market. Tokyo, however, rejects Washington's position that the accord actually committed Japan to ensure that foreign manufacturers obtained that share. Although news reports have

speculated that fourth-quarter data may show foreign companies with more than a 20 percent share, Roger Mathus, executive director of the U.S. Semiconductor Industry Association, said. "It'll fall under 20 percent for the year, no matter

Trying to Be Switzerland Malaysian Island Seeks Offshore Funds

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a short geography quiz; You may have heard of Grand Cayman. Malta and even Guernsey. But can you find Nauru, Vanuatu and Labuan? And what do they have in common?

Yes, they are all islands. But all six also are up-and-coming IOFCs, an acronym in the banking industry for international offshore financial centers. They may epitomize the term backwater, but they are attracting bil-lions of dollars in investments and deposits.

The original such center was Switzerland. But with the Swiss market now more regulated and less secretive, big depositors are looking elsewhere, and Labuan is one of the latest to try to accommodate them. It lies just off the north coast of Borneo. about 80 miles from the city of Kota Kinabalu.

The Malaysian government decided in 1989 to turn Labuan into an offshore financial center. enacting bank-secrecy laws. making the island a duty-free port and imposing a corporate tax of just 3 percent, compared with 40 percent in the rest of Malaysia

Ramli Othman, an official with the Malaysian Industrial Development Board, said the government chose the island because it had no natural resources and little industry to provide jobs for its 50,000 inhabitants. Malaysia wrested control of the island from the state of Sa-

bah in 1984, and it is now ruled

as a federal territory directly

from Kuala Lumpur, so the gov-

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hathir bin Mohamad had a reason for wanting to pump development dollars into it. A more cynical view of the government's motives, expressed by critics on Labuan, is that offi-

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LABUAN, Malaysia - First, land at bargain prices and now rather than in one halfway stand to make large profits. In a around the world. The location of Labuan is recent court case, for example, it was revealed that a former chief

ideal, in the heart of the Asiaminister of Sahah, Harris Mo-Pacific region, said Mainor Awang, general manager of the Labuan Development Authority. hammed Salleh, claimed to be the owner of the island's only After three years as an active Before offshore banking came financial center. Labuan has atalong, much of the island's intracted 16 banks, he said, and come was related to its roles as a about 250 companies have registered there. port for ships serving the oil industry off Borneo and as a rest-

The government hopes those and-recreation spot for expatrinumbers will swell after compleates living in Brunei, which is tion of a \$148 million financialservices park, two nearby five-The main town of Labuan has a star hotels and a \$50 million marina project.

The Malaysian government is trying to be selective about which banks are given licenses to catch on among foreign banks; it operate in Labuan, because it occupies the same time zone as will be up to the banks to decide which customers can use the island's facilities. The government hopes prominent banks would weed out suspicious characters prefer to deposit their cash in a bank in the same time zone as so that Labuan would not become known as a repository for drug money or other unsavory transactions.

"If we confine ourselves to big banks that will not do something which will smear their name, that in itself is a protective measure." Mohammed Ibrahim, the representative of Bank Negara, Malaysia's central bank, said. According to Malaysian news reports. Labuan banks have an estimated \$1.8 billion in deposits.

Anthony Ginsberg, a Los Angeles accountant who publishes a newsletter on offshore banking centers, said Labuan had great potential because of its location but was not yet competitive with some other centers.

For instance, he said, while Labuan's 3 percent corporate tax - and its maximum levy of \$7,800 a year -may be small, the British Virgin Islands and Grand Cayman have no taxes at all.

Seoul Sees Trade Cut By EU Move

SEOUL - The European Union's decision to stop giving preferential treatment to exports from South Korea in the second half of 1994 will slash about \$500 million from Seoul's exports to the region, South Korean officials said Wednesday.

The EU is cutting South Korea out of the so-called Generalized System of Preferences, which gives developing countries exemptions on tariffs, because of its advanced economic status. The move will subject South Korea's exports to the EU to an average tariff of 5.8 percent.

"The tariffs will sharply weaken price competitiveness of Korean products in the EU," said Rha Chang Yup, an official at the European division of the state-run Korea Trade Promotion Corp. "Goods from Singapore. Hong Kong, Tai-wan and other competitors will still enjoy the trade henefit."

After decades of rapid growth, South Korez is now one of the world's 12 largest economies, According to the Promotion Corp.'s Brussels office, the EU's decision also was based on South Korea's decision to join the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development by 1996.

Exports of autos, electronics, textiles and footwear will be hardest hit, since they are the biggest beneficiaries of the preferential tariff treatment.

the EU, for example, rose by more than 20 percent last year, to \$1 billion, thanks to the tariff benefits and the appreciation of the Japanese yen. The strong yen drove up the price of Japanese cars in overseas markets.

"The retraction of the trade benefit could completely offset the advantage of the stronger yen," Mr. Rha said.

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• China's budget deficit, forecast to double in real terms this year to nearly 70 billion yuan (\$8.07 billion), will continue to grow in coming years, said Finance Minister Liu Zhongli.

 Hong Kong office rents could rise 30 percent to 80 percent in 1994, but such increases may cause some businesses to leave, said the real estate South Korean auto exports to consulting company Jones Lang Wootton inc. dbank opened a representative office in Beijing, becoming the first

South African bank to do so despite a lack of diplomatic relations between the two countries. Shenzhen has unveiled plans to set up a giant industrial park devoted to

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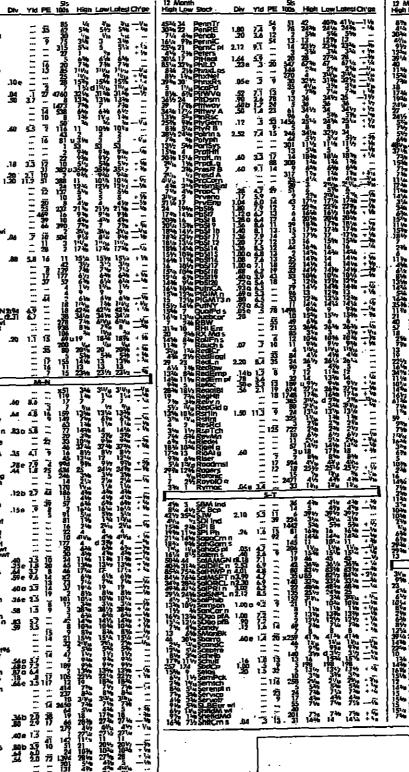
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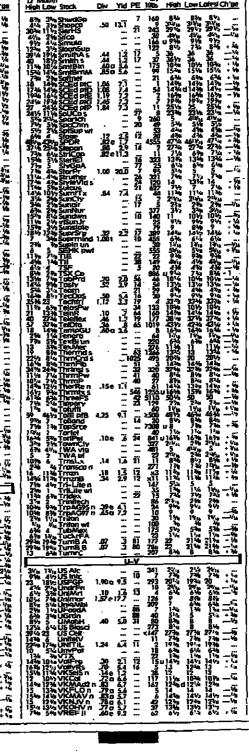
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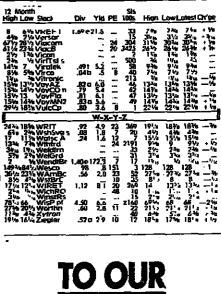
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For U.S. Industry, a New Motto: 'Big Is Beautiful'

By John Burgess

TASHINGTON - For months it looked as if no one in the U.S. communications and entertainment industry had heard that the 1980s were over. Single-handedly, its executives were keeping alive that decade's romance with the big-ticket

merger.
One after another, companies that were already big struck multibillion dollar deals to combine into still larger ones. The goal was to assemble the capital, mix of skills and economies of scale said to be needed to build the coming information super-

No one wanted to proceed alone down this wide-gauge digital network that would pipe films, video letters, music, mail, documents and more into millions of homes and offices. As John Clendenin, chairman of regional phone company BellSouth Corp., told a conference in Washington recently: "When the music stops, if you don't have a dance partner you don't have a chance to sit down.

Then one evening in February came news that the biggest deal of all, the \$26 billion merger of regional phone company Bell Atlantic Corp. and cable TV giant Tele-Communications Inc., was off. The two parties had failed to agree on price. That has the industry wondering: Has the romance with mergers peaked?

Patrick McGovern, chairman of re-search firm International Data Corp., says ditional differences between cable and yes. Chief executives of companies contemplating mergers now "know the risks are high and there may be disappointment at the end of the trail," he said. They will also have pause to consider whether big companies will be spry enough to compete in this fast-evolving market.

Others call it a temporary blip that the still unmarried companies will soon forget.
"To compete, they need multiple means of delivery and broader reach," said Richard Iverson, president of the American Elec-

tronics Association.
The U.S. technology industry has long taken pride in having large numbers of small companies accomplish great things on their own. The best ideas, the fastest responses, people say, often come from the lean new ventures, not the bureaucracybound giants.

But as the information superhighway vision takes shape many executives say that the small-is-good model can't work. They turn aside many studies that show that mergers often don't achieve those 'synergies" that are always promised at

For one thing, this thinking goes, a national transmission network is required and that means investment in volumes that small companies can't afford. Once network is built, companies need something to put on it. Hence a race to control the film libraries of Hollywood.

telephone industries - there was no reason a single circuit couldn't carry phone calls and movies — it seemed to make sense for companies to explore getting into all aspects of the information business.

And having a few big companies run-ing things, proponents said, would sim-

Has the industry's romance with mergers peaked?

plify the job of selecting technical stan-dards that would allow all networks to link to all others.

In 1993, as talk of the superhighway intensified and the Clinton administration made easing its construction a top priority, the hunt for partners picked up dramatically. Companies began worrying that if they didn't move quickly, the best would be snapped up.

U.S. telephone companies, which are strong on technology and financially sound, were on the lookout for cable companies, which often controlled studios or libraries of films. Cable companies, which were in need of capital and the technical know-how to "switch" a video signal from

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The move toward consolidation led to concern in the U.S. Congress that the new media world, meant to be open to all, would be oligopolistic.

That, it seemed, would reverse the de-centralization that began in the United States with the 1984 breakup of the Bell

Now it may be that the companies will address that concern by going off more on their own. But many executives don't count on that. The death of the Bell Atlantic-TCI deal aside, to many people in the

industry it's still the 1980s. They point out that although the biggest deal announced so far has been cancelled. a number of major deals remain on the

They include:

◆AT&T's \$13 billion purchase of the United States' largest cellular phone company. McCaw Cellular Communications inc. This will give AT&T a chance to integrate its long-distance network with wireless communications and to bypass for some customers the local phone companies with which it often feuds.

• MCI Communications Corp.'s \$1.3 billion purchase of a 17 percent stake in Nextel Communications Inc., which is assembling a nationwide wireless network. This deal is widely seen as a response by MCI, the second-largest U.S. long-distance company, to rival AT&T's acquisi-tion of McCaw.

• British Telecommunications PLC's \$4.3 billion investment in MCI. The tie-in gives the American company a new springboard to the outside world and BT special catrée to the American market.

• US West's \$2.5 billion investment in the cable TV and entertainment subsidiaries of Time Warner Inc.

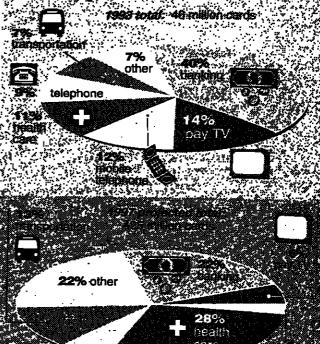
● Viacom Inc.'s \$10 billion purchase of Paramount Communications Corp. following a lengthy bidding war with QVC Inc. Plans call for the new entity to be combined with Blockbuster Entertainment Corp., which would create an entity with cable television systems, broadcast stations, studio production and a nationwide rental store chain.

Then there is Pacific Bell, the California telephone company, which has announced that it will go it alone on a \$16 billion investment to build its own network for voice, data and video services, without the benefit of a cable-television partner.

Pacific Bell said it plans to seek legal permission in the United States to offer customers a "video dial tone" that would bring a wide choice of video services into their homes and offices on request.

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Changing Use of Smart Card In Europe



Making Payments 'Smart': Europe Is At the Forefront

By Brandon Mitchener

RANKFURT Whether they're talking about a phone card, a bus card, a social security card or a cash card, Europeans are agog over the so-called smart card even though it is years from

becoming a widespread reality. Even trash collectors and churches are studying ways of us-ing the devices to collect fees and donations and keep track of users. A credit card-sized piece of

plastic containing a powerful microchip, smart cards are just bepinning to make themselves felt in Europe. Eventually, however, they hold the potential to change the way people identify themselves and pay for simple services.

Germany, one of the most backward countries in terms of credit card density, is among the most aggressive in implementing a technology that it hopes will set a new world, or at least a European stan-

"The standard with the biggest support will prevail," said Klaus Muller, the local sales manager for the microchips division of Motor-ola GmbH. "Right now this is a European domain, but when they see that it works. I expect the United States and Asia will come aboard," he said.

· Industry sources estimate that the number of smart cards in use in Europe will soar from 46 miltion in 1993 to 250 million in 1995 and 425 million in 1997.

Compared with such great expectations, the smart card's beginnings were modest. French banks. a Swedish retailer and the German state telephone monopoly were among the first to install micro-chips in plastic cards to improve security or replace coins and small change in everyday transactions. British pay-TV companies use cards to bill customers for each program they watch.

In all these systems, bills are quickly debited to the cardholder's account, bypassing credit card companies that typically charge a percentage for similar services. Abuse has also declined because the chips are harder to fake or tamper with than traditional magnetic-strip technology.

The German telephone company, Telekom, was the first to sell mobile phones that use a smart card with a programmable chip that not only identifies the user but encrypts conversations, records telephone numbers and keeps track of the cost of a call. Some of the cards can also be used in normal telephones

The German state health insurance system is issuing smart cards to its 70 million participants con-taining basic personal identification, replacing an inefficient paper

Denmark and several other countries are developing nation-wide electronic cash systems. As chips become more powerful

and fall in price, the appeal of storing large amounts of personal data on plastic cards is growing quickly, raising consumers' hopes of replacing a wallet full of plastic and paper cards with just one or two cards that serve as universal forms of both payment and identi-

A variety of multipurpose cards are already transforming the way people use plastic and showing where the technology is head to be a showing where the technology is head. where the technology is leading: · Lufthansa AG, the governmentcontrolled German airline, recently began marketing a "megacard" that acts as credit card, telephone

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 Several German cities and Warsaw are now testing a prepaid "city card" containing a chip that permits electronic payment of bus, tram and subway fare as well as bills at downtown retailers and restaurants and also grants admission to city facilities such as sports complexes and libraries.

• The European Union is considering issuing a standardized driver's license on a smart card that might also be used to pay fines, tolls and parking fees, keep track of penalty points and give information on the driver's blood type, allergies and willingness to donate

organs.
"In the future you'll probably Mr. Müller. A unit of the U.S. company of the same name. Mo-

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torola is one of the biggest producers of computer chips. Siemens AG. the German electronics giant that is another major

producer of chips, estimated the market could grow to as much as 5 billion Deutsche marks (\$3 billion) by 2000. "We are doing what is techni-cally possible," said Klaus Knapp,

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siemens spokesman. Unfortunately for consumers what is technically possible is not always welcome to countries and companies afraid of going ahead with competing and often incom-

patible systems. About 26 million French bank cards with an integrated microchip are expected to be in circulation by the end of this year, but they can only be used in France.

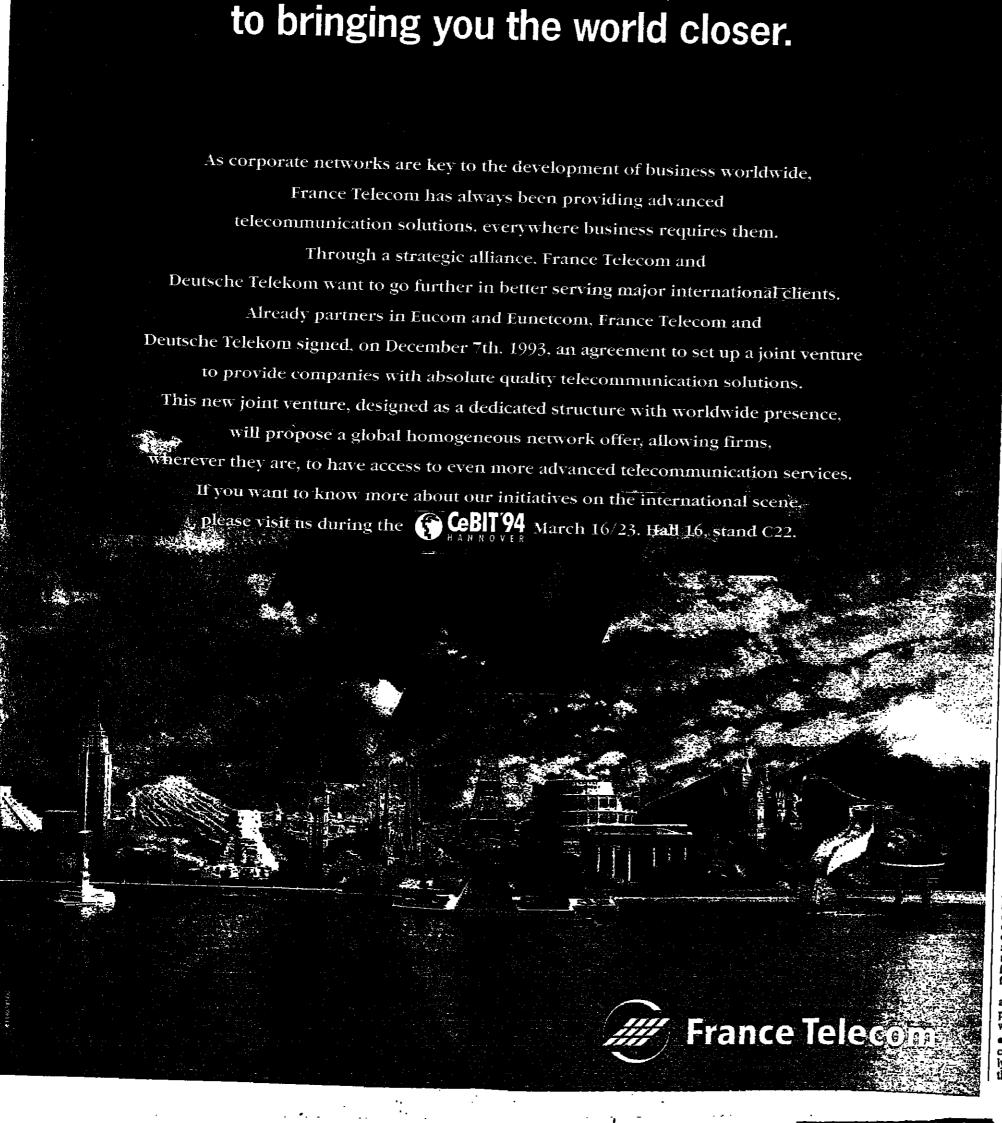
ERMANY, meanwhile is quietly peddling its own chip system in neighboring countries, with some success. Ger man phone cards will work in the Netherlands by the end of the year and Dutch cards will work in Germany. "We're going to make the telephone European." said a spokesman for Telekom, the

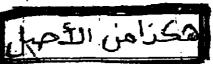
For once, the United States and Japan are no competition because cards using magnetic-strip technology are so widely used there that tinkering with the system is considered prohibitively expensive. U.S.-based credit card systems such as Mastercard and VISA are expected to introduce chip technology if it spreads significantly within Europe, howev-

many so far have been too worried about standardization and the huge cost of updating automatic teller and point-of-sale hardware

promote smart cards actively. One worry European chip makers do not share is competition from an optical card technol-ogy already in use elsewhere. hile an optical card can store considerably more information than a chip card, it can't be reprogrammed. "A gond chip is better." said Siemens's sanguine Mr. Knapp

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By Conrad de Aenlle

ARIS - The information superhighway is considered a very American idea: bold, visionary, idealistic. In some ways, though. building a massive communications infrastructure may actually be an easier task in Europe, and the concept has caught on.

The European Commission has been swept up in the spirit and is studying how best to develop what has come to be called the Trans-European Network.

The call for action has been launched," declared Andrew Page. president of the European Community Telework/Telematics Forum, a think tank composed of and supported by member state governments and industrial concerns. "We will be seeing a lot of action as a result of the Commission's stand. We've got a European parallel to the American plan. What we are now seeing in Europe is parallel approaches being adopted. We're garnering the potical will."

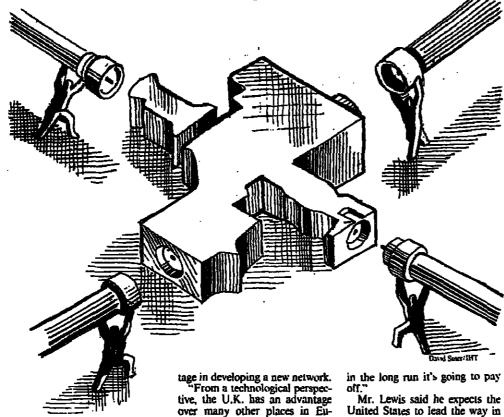
What politicians in Europe often have the will to do is become involved in many aspects of their citizens' lives. The Trans-Europe-Commission, Mr. Page said, is an entity that will "benefit the larger community." One goal of plan-ners, he said, is "ensuring the con-tinued enfranchisement of the disabled and elderly in society by providing access to health care information and training and education." What is not a goal is "shopping and 50 channels of cable TV," he said.

"The key question is what role should government play," Mr. Page said. The consensus is that government should play the role of ensuring standards, setting rules for the ball game as to how European telecommunications companies proceed on their investment, which is basically an investment in a fiber-optic net-

N MOST of Europe, the government controls the telecoms, and so the role of the state is bound to be huge. That circumstance may facilitate the establishment of such a

"For the information superhighway to be realized, there needs to be a strong central oversight. I think that will have a major influence on its development," said Mark Winther, vice president of telecommunications at Link Resources Corp. "In terms of the telecommunications infrastructure, you're dealing with one company per country. In some ways that will make it easier than in the U.S. market, where there are always new carriers. A competitive environment is not necessarily conducive to the building of an information superhighway."

Neither is a recessionary environment, and that's why others



over many other places in Eu-rope," he said. "They are building an archetypal information super-bighway. They have a tremendous believe European governments, which are strapped for cash and face structural economic problems advantage over the U.S., France. not likely to disappear for a gener-Belgium - countries that built caation, will not be able to come up with the funds for such an ambible networks some time ago but have limited capacity."

think the government's going to

dip into its own pockets to do it.

It's going to be funded in the pri-

Mr. Smellie thinks this is best

understood in Britain, where regu-

lators have something of a laissez-

faire attitude about the telecom

industry. It is the only country, he

said, where a single company can

operate cable television and telephone systems. This is inspiring a

number of companies, foreign and

He noted that British Telecom-

munications PLC has committed

£7 billion, or more than \$10 bil-

ion, to build a communications

infrastructure, but he expects the

bulk of the work to be performed

by Americans. This more than

anything else may help Britain

catch up and even move ahead in

the provision of information ser-

and cable companies that have

been outright encouraged to build

the information superhighway.

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"You've got a number of North

domestic, to enter the market.

vate sector or not at all."

To Chris Lewis, of CIT Re-"The government can't do search, the crux of the problem is something with a 50-year time frame if there are elections every not in building the hardware, but in creating the software to go with four years," argued Alistair Smelit and then having customers figlie, a media and leisure analyst for Lehman Brothers, "The magniure out how to use it. tude of investment is huge. I don't "The information superhigh-

way is just the latest way of saying broad-band communications," he explained. "They're trying to get people to bring communications into the business and home environment, to get them to use more information, to use more of this band width. There's enough capacity there for current requirements. The best way of using it is generating more information services, eliminating paper."

HEN it becomes a matter of showing people how to make their way through the services that will be offered to them. "The technology is there to deliver these things, but on the user side, how does the user get to the right program?" he said.

Returning to the popular meta-phor, he said: "You've got a massive motorway running through the country, but they haven't built any access roads, or else they're all random with a wall around it so you don't know what's on the oth-

taking that fiber-optic loop right into the house," he said. "Three-"The U.S. is in a slightly advantageous position because people quarters of the work will be done are used to having this choice in programming. Also, the U.S. is They can't believe they're allowed more computer literate. They're into the U.K. It's a huge arena to trying to get the same cultural change throughout the EU. The only place where there is hope is They will have plenty of oppor-tunity because the state of British telephone and cable television sys-France, where the Minitel generation is now coming through into business. They're used to getting tems is so poor. Because the British fell so far behind in installing information from a screen. The government took a risk giving away those Minitel terminals, but cable TV, Mr. Smellie asserted, it will actually give them an advan-

Japan Lags in Multimedia Race

game machine.

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By Andrew Pollack

■ OKYO — Two of Japan's electronics giants, Fujitsu Ltd. and Toshiba Corp., announced this week moves to position themselves to be players in the multimedia industry of the future. They each made an investment in a small Silicon Valley software company named General Magic Inc.

For Japanese companies, participating in multimedia increasingly means collaboration with American companies. In the convergence of computers, communications, consumer electronics and publishing that is multimedia, it is the American companies that have been setting the pace, something that has alarmed and puzzled Japan's audio and video equipment producers.

A stark reminder of that came last month

when a Japanese government official struck a raw nerve by stating that Japan's analog high-definition television system was becom ing obsolete and that the nation should switch to a digital standard like the one being developed in the United States.

One reason for Japan's lag is that overregulation has stifled the growth of telecommunications services here. Cable television barely exists in Japan, because of regulatory restrictions and a policy to favor satellite broadcasting. Computer networks here are said to be as much as 10 years behind those in the United States.

The result has been that the United States. and to a lesser extent Europe, have become the hotbeds of experimentation in services such as video on demand and interactive home shopping. Japan, meanwhile, has re-mained a relative backwater.

Another factor is Japan's traditional weakness in software, which has allowed American companies such as Apple Computer Inc. and Microsoft Corp. to define the way computers and video will merge to form

"The software is based upon the English culture," said Hisashi Yamada, deputy general manager of the multimedia engineering laboratory at Toshiba. Collaborating with American companies "is the fundamental strategy for Japanese companies."

So Japanese companies have taken on their role as hardware suppliers, building the products designed by American companies. Sharp Corp, is making the much maligned Apple Newton, a hand-held information appliance, and Matsushita the new 3DO video

Japanese companies excel at components whose sales will grow as multimedia catches on. Japanese companies have a virtual mo-nopoly on advanced color liquid-crystal displays. Sales of CD-ROM players are soaring. And Fujitsu Corp. and NEC Corp. are among the leaders in new, high-capacity telecommunications switches that will be used to deliver reams of video information.

But the danger for Japanese companies is that hardware alone can become a profitless commodity, especially as companies in South Korea and Taiwan, which have shaved profit margins in computer hardware by inexpensively mass-producing equipment. enter the markets.

To be sure, there is multimedia activity, including software, in Japan. One need look no further than video games, dominated by Nintendo and Sega and by some software specialists like Osaka-based Capcom, whose Street Fighter series has spawned a whole new genre of entertainment.

Fujitsu's FM-Towns computer was one of the first in the world to come with a CD-ROM drive. And every night throughout Japan, salarymen and office ladies upwind with video karaoke, singing along to background music while lyrics and appropriate

magery are shown on a television screen. To move into software, Sony and Matsushita made splashy acquisitions of Hollywood studios in the late 1980s. But the purchases do not appear to have led to the anticipated synergies with their hardware business, and the companies have experienced some difficulties marrying Hollywood culture to their own. Nevertheless, the value of the studios, and film libraries, has risen because of the anticipated need for software to fill 500-cable television channels. Sony concedes now it is thinking of selling a stake in its studio, in part to achieve an alliance with a cable company. Matsushita denies any intention to do so.

Japan, which has been spooked by the developments in the United States, is now moving to catch up. The government has recently relaxed restrictions on the cabletelevision industry. The Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications in January announced a new plan to foster development of advanced networks and interactive services.

Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp., the main phone company, is already building a nationwide fiber-optic network and experimenting with such things as transmitting super-high-definition digital images of X-rays or cell cultures to allow remote diagnostic of discovery. Tooking and Manusching. nosis of diseases. Toshiba and Matsushita recently announced development of sophisticated chips for digital video processing.

Japanese companies will have some time. The multimedia age probably will not arrive as fast as its boosters think.

"It's only in the stage of the press release right now," said Yoshiaki inamoto, a spokesman for NHK, Japan's public broadcasting

The recent cancellation of the planned merger between Bell Atlantic and cable giant Tele-Communications Inc. points to the potential obstacles along the information su-

Indeed, it is still unclear what the uses will be of computerized video and sound. Last week, NEC said it had found one possible answer — a system to help people relax by presenting soothing images and sounds on a

personal computer. The system creates a multitude of environments to suit various temperaments and in tests has been shown to significantly relieve stress and help users become re-freshed," the company said. One arena in which Japan is clearly not behind is in its puzzlement about what to do with the new

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New Asian Data Networks **Focus on Business Customers**

By Michael Richardson INGAPORE - Spurred

by demand from businesses for reliable highspeed communications, construction has begun on an Asia-Pacific trunk of the global information superhighway. However, analysts say it will

take quite a few years before a region-wide superhighway carrying voice, data and images is fully operational. That is because of the vast differences in levels of telecommunications development and regulatory standards among East Asian nations.

For the time being, Japan. South Korea, Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong — which have the most advanced infrastructure and the strongest commitment to customer service - will be at the forefront of efforts to develop such a network. They will develop national communications networks that that are likely to link with one another and with similar national services elsewhere in the world via undersea fiber-optic cable networks and satellite channels that are already largely in

Apart from providing rapid exchange of data and video images between businesses, the multimedia superhighways will allow consumers access to a wide array of cable television channels and new telecommunication services such as home shopping and electronic banking. But analysts say that the development of new services in Asia will be driven mainly by business, rather than consumer de-

Japan, South Korea, Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong have the advanced networks to "make the transition to multimedia interactive technology," said William Lo, director of strategic planning for Hongkong Telecom. These countries also have the economy to support such technology, and

consumers are receptive to the

As multinational companies that have flooded into the Asia-Pacific area to take advantage of high growth markets and relatively low production costs for exports become increasingly decentralized, the operational units of each company need to be linked together by an ever greater volume of information, said Robert Plotke, a

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senior manager in the technology integration services group of Andersen Consulting in Singapore. "A common communication infrastructure is required to effecuvely support this information ex-

plosion," he said. Just as companies in the past relied heavily on phones and lax machines, Mr. Plotke said that the next step for future business operations will be a common data net-

work infrastructure. A number of telecommunications service providers are moving to tap this demand.

British Telecommunications PLC recently extended its global network data service to Indonesia in cooperation with Indosat. an Indonesian telecommunications company. Australia, Japan, Hong Kong, South Korea, New Zealand and Thailand already have the BT service, which provides customers with access to more than 1,300 cities in more than 120 countries.

The British phone company plans to extend the service to India, China and Taiwan later this

Benny Kan, marketing manager of British Telecom services in Singapore, said that American, Japa-nese and European multinational

companies that accounted for much of the foreign investment in Asia "need advanced telecommunication services to manage their businesses in and across regions."

Mr. Kan said that the BT program, which includes network management and centralized single-currency billing, not only pro-vided subscribers with improved intracompany connections but also helped them expand their business links to suppliers, customers and partners.

Several multinationals are field

testing a new "seamless" voice and data communications service for business in the Asia-Pacific region.

Singapore Telecommunications Pte Ltd_ American Telephone & Telegraph Corp. of the United States and Kokusai Denshin Denwa Co., Japan's main international telecommunications carrier, are developing the service, which offers common features and standards of performance around the

"From the way they respond, the multinationals are very enthu-siastic about it," said Sin Hang Boon, vice president of business communications at Singapore Te-

The consortium, known as WorldPartners Company, was formed in May to provide corporate customers with a single advanced telecommunications service, bypassing the need to deal with multiple carriers who have differing standards and equipment. Customers can appoint any

member carrier as a single point of contact. This carrier then arranges for services provided by other member carriers in their respective Mr. Sin said that five or six other carriers based in Europe.

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Barcelona Trounces Moscow, 5-1, With An 11-Minute Blitz

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
The Dutch international Ronald Koeman scored twice and his teammates Guillermo Amor and Romario also scored — four goals in the span of 11 minutes late in the second half - to lift Barcelona over Moscow Spartak 5-1 on Wednesday in a Champions

League match in Barcelona.
With the match tied, Amor made it 2-1 in the 75th minute from eight meters out when Bulgarian Hristo Stoichkov gave him a perfect pass after beating the Spartak defense.

Koeman made it 3-1 two minutes later when he scored on a direct kick from 20 meters. Three minutes later — in the 80th minute — Koeman scored again on an almost identical direct kick making it 4-1. Romario capped the goal out-burst in the 86th minute when he

scored on a penalty. Spartak broke on top 1-0 in the third minute when Valeri Karpin caught the Barcelona defense napping to give his club the lead, but Stoichkov tied the match in the 33d minute when he took a crossing pass intended for Romario and drove the ball into the net from 10

The victory gives Barcelona six points in four games in Group A. Spartak has two points in four

matches in the same group. In Bremen, Germany, Dejan Savicevic crowned a good performance with a late goal that gave AC Milan a 1-1 draw against Werder Bremen in a Champions League Group B match on Wednesday. Milan leads the group

standings. Bremen took the lead in the 53d minute when striker Wynton Rufer

Savicevic tied the score in the 75th minute, slotting home a rightfoot drive from six meters following a period of intense Milan presof Denmark, awarded the penalty when Filippo Galli, playing for sus-pended Milan sweeper Franco Baresi, brought down striker Bernd Hobsch following a fast break by

Rufer calmly sent Milan's goal-keeper, Sebastiano Rossi, to the right and placed a weak shot into

In Istanbul, Enzo Scilo capped a superb performance with a crucial opening goal as Monaco earned a rare victory in Galatasaray's intimidating Ali Sami Yen stadium

After Scifo had given Monaco the lead nine minutes into the second period, substitute Jerome Gnako volleyed home a Laurent Viaud cross in injury time to give the French club a 2-0 victory that leaves them within touching distance of the European Cup semifi-

Running on to a loose ball on the edge of the box. Scifo placed a precise sidefoot shot into the corner of the net and beyond the reach of the sprawling Demirbas Hayret-

The Galatasaray keeper had been equally helpless in the 35th minute when Scifo's crisp left-foot drive hit the crossbar and bounced

Minutes earlier the midfielder had released Lilan Thuram with a neat pass into the box. But the defender fired into the side netting as Hayrettin narrowed the angle. Galatasary's best chance to equalize came 20 minutes from the end when striker Erdem Arif met a

corner with a powerful downward header only to be denied by a reflex save from Jean-Luc Ettori, who deflected the ball outo the bar. The victory left Monaco tied with Barcelona at the top of Group

A in the Champions League. Both sides need only a single point from



Jeos Nowotny got tangled up Wednesday with Mamadu Dialo of Boavista as Karlsruhe claimed a semifinal berth in the UEFA Cup.

their remaining two matches in the group to book their place in the

In the day's fourth Champions League game, FC Porto scored a 2-0 victory over Anderlecht of Bel-

gium in Porto, Portugal.

The Portuguese side, stuck at the bottom of Group B before the game and needing a victory to stay in contention, got a goal from Ljubimko Drulovic after nine minutes. The bome side was forced to go

into the encounter without the suspended striker Emil Kostadinov. but benefited from the Belgians' frailty at the back, sealing the match in the final seconds as Secre-12110 scored.

The result saw Porto move into second place in the group, with four points, two behind the leader, AC Milan.

In a Cup Winners' Cup quarterfinal in Rome, Parma, the defending champion, cruised to a 2-0 ag-

gregate win over Ajax Amsterdam. The Italians took just 15 minutes to break the 0-0 deadlock from the first leg as the captain, Lorenzo Minotti, who missed the Amsterdam game through suspension, sur-prised goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar with a low swerving free kick

in a UEFA Cup quarterfinal, a 1-0 victory over Portugal's Boa- second round. vista in Karlsrube, Germany.

After Eintracht Frankfurt and out of the UEFA Cup and Cup goal of expanding the World Winners' Cup respectively on League to Asia, home of his STAR Winners' Cup respectively on Tuesday, Karlsruhé maintained German representation with an edgy 1-0 win, courtesy of an own goal, for a 2-1 aggregate victory.

The result was a startling success Karlsruhe restored some of Germa- for the unfashionable side, 7-0 vicny's battered European pride with tors over Spain's Valencia in the

World League Set For a Comeback

By Ian Thomsen

PARIS - Thanks to an evolving partnership with an international television broadcaster, the World League is plotting a comeback with six American football teams in Eu-

rope to begin play in April 1995. Viacom and ESPN, the American television sports network, were originally rumored to become partners in the World League's reincarnation, but they appear to have been replaced in the equation by Rupert Murdoch. His Fox network recently paid a record \$1.58 billion to televise National Football League games in the United States for the next four years.

The partnership with Murdoch could be announced next week at a meeting of NFL owners in Orlando, Florida, providing the first credible reason to believe in a revival of American football overseas following the NFL's abandonment of the World League in 1992, its second season. At that time, the NFL owners were both anathetic and unwilling to commit money overseas while battling over the players' issue of free agency at home. The World League budget is expected to be about \$10 million a

year for 1995 and 1996." Murdoch has suddenly become an international caretaker of American football. An international football league would provide his television networks in Asia and Europe with programming suitable for the young audiences he is trying to attract. In return, he might help keep the league's focus upon its Bayer Leverkusen were dumped target audience with an ultimate

TV network. In any case, it is difficult to imag-ine any new league trying to make it anywhere without the in-house participation of television. It is when the two sides don't work together — witness the recent onesided relationship between American network TV and major league

baseball, resulting in damage both — that problems arise.

The World League will try to export the entertainment formula used by its club in Frankfurt pregame parties, American-style cheerleaders and a disc jockey blasting music in between play. Some in the NFL, misinterpreting Frankfurt's success, are suggesting that the World League place three of its six teams in Germany next year. To do so would be to risk tuning out the rest of Europe.

Franchises will be revived in three previous European markets - Frankfurt, London and Barcelona — with a second German team likely to be based in Berlin, Hamburg, Düsseldorf or Munich. Al-though Madrid is a candidate, the last two franchises are likely to based in Paris, Amsterdam or Scotland (most likely Edinburgh). This should be decided by May.

The question of Paris is the trickiest. The NFL fears that the problems of the Euro Disney theme park near the French capital represent a popular anti-American sentiment that would doom football in the city. On the other hand, an annual exhibition of arena football games does well in Paris, and the French youth have taken to basket 9 ball and other examples of American pop culture.

Driving the World League's comeback is the NFL's understanding that the sport is begged down internationally. NFL exhibition games are planned for Berlin and Barcelona next summer, but the annual game at Wembley Stadium in London is in doubt. So sophisticated are the British fans that they are no longer willing to put up with a token first-quarter appear ance by NFL stars, followed by three quarters of anonymous backups and rookies fighting to win a place on the teams. The game has reached the point where growth can resume only with a significant in-

For Olympic Skiers, a Final Shot at Glory

VAIL, Colorado — Tommy Moe has his feet under him again, insert-ed firmly into ski boots on ultra-

Moe, gold medalist in downhill and silver medalist in super-giant slalom at the Olympics last month, foundered under waves of (an adoration and media attention at isn't a factor in the race for the World Cup races two weeks ago in discipline title. He also is within and 20th in a pair of downhills.
But the American regained his

focus and his form last week at Whistler, British Columbia. Moe placed third in a downhill and then won a super-G -- his first triumph on the World Cup circuit. He is riding a crest heading into the World Cup Finals, which began in Vail on Wednesday.

How does he feel about his skiing

"Anytime I'm in the start for a downhill or a super-G, I feel like ! can win," Moe said Tuesday. "I feel more confident now than I ever gin, by World Cup standards," he said, referring to his super-G time that was .71 of a second faster than anyone else's. "It kind of completed my resume for the year." It's not quite over, however.

Moc, 24, will be one of the skiers to beat in the downhill, although he standings leader, Marc Girardelli

of Luxembourg.
Nine of 10 World Cup titles are up for grabs here this week, including the women's overall crown.

The concluding stop on the World Cup circuit for 1993-94 will feature other Olympic stars, in-cluding Diane Roffe-Steinrotter, Alberto Tomba, Kjetil Andre Aa-modt, Vreni Schneider, Kanja Sci-

zinger and Pernilla Wiberg.
The men's and women's downhill races kicked off the finals on Wednesday, with the super-giant slaloms on Thursday, giant slaloms on Saturday and slaloms on Sunday.

Much of the focus of the weeklong competition will be on the women's overall, where Schneider, the veteran Swiss standout, leads Wiberg, of Sweden, by just 41 points, 1,384-1,343. The winner of

In the men's overall standings. however, Aamodi has an almost insurmountable lead over Girardelli at 1,218 to 945.

In the downhills, Seizinger, the Olympic gold medalist from Germany, leads the women's standings. Girardelli is in first place in the men's standings, despite not winning a downhill this season.

Men and women each had two downhill training runs on Tuesday. Roffe-Steinrotter, also are racing-Pacing the first men's run was second in 1:40.36, and Girardelli second and \$2,750 for third in each

In the second run. Switzerland's Franco Cavegn was fastest in 1:38.38, followed by Girardelli and

In women's training, Seizinger paced both runs, as she did two each race this week earns 100 training runs on Monday. She was points, with 80 points going to the clocked in 1:49.08 in the first, runner-up, 60 to the third-place ahead of Michelle Ruthven of Canfinisher, and lesser points through ada and Svetlana Gladishiva of

> in the second. Sea was ahead of Picabo Street of the United States, who was timed in 1:48.36, and Martina Ertl of Ger-

The finals, first staged last year in Sweden, are limited to the 20 top-ranked skiers in each discipline, with some junior champions from North America and Europe thrown in Any Olympic champions not in the top 20, including The skiers are competing for Peter Runggaldier of Italy, who \$220,000 in prize money, with was clocked in 1:39.78. Moe was \$16,500 for first place, \$8,250 for



Tommy Moe, in training for the World Cup Finals in Colorado.

SIDELINES

Buser Sets Record in Iditarod Race

NOME, Alaska (AP) - Martin Buser won the 22d Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in record time, becoming the third person to win the 1,100-mile

(1,770-kilometer) mushing marathon more than once Buser and his dog team trotted under the burled arch on Nome's historic Front Street on Tuesday night at 10:02 P.M., 10 days, 13 hours, two minutes and 39 seconds after the March 5 start in Anchorage. The Swiss-born musher also won in 1992. He beat the previous record of 10:15:38, set in 1993 by Jeff King.

World Cup Rethinking Alcohol Ban

his request to keep alcohol from being sold before games in the nine cities where the soccer tournament will be played this summer.

Alan Rothenberg, chairman of World Cup USA 1994, went even further, saying he wasn't in favor of banning alcohol inside the stadiums where the games will be played. Alcohol was banned from the 12 World Cup stadiums in Italy four years ago, and some Italian authorities stopped sales in cities before the games.

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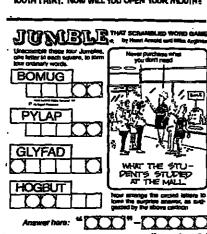
Rebecca Brown set a world record for the women's 200-meter breaststroke on Wednesday night at the Australian national championships in Brisbane. She swam the distance in 2 minutes, 24.76 seconds, trimming 0.59 seconds from the mark set by Anita Nall of the United States in

John Kruk, the Philadelphia Phillies first baseman, who had a cancerous testicle removed last week, will start a month of radiation therapy next week.

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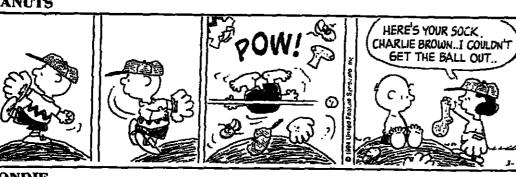


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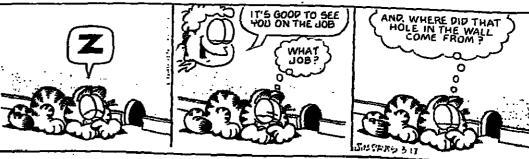
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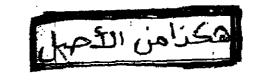
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LANDOVER, Maryland - Before we get to the burning question of "Who to pick in the Final Four pool?" let us take a brief moment to give thanks for the bounty the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament has given to USAir Arena here this week. What a collection of coaches: El Deano, Bobby Knight, John Chaney and Jerry Falwell. (What do you mean Falwell isn't the coach of Liberty? I watched Falwell cut down the net after the Big South championship; he didn't even need a ladder to reach it -he just levitated. How odd it's going to seem to Falwell after so many years of saying he had God on his side to now see Him on the opposite bench.) This is some subregional. With their recent track records.

player. And Chaney may threaten to kill Knight. O.K., here's who we don't pick: Georgia Tech.

Knight may accidentally kill a

I love people who are screaming that Georgia Tech got hosed. I know who Georgia Tech beat: Carolina twice, and Temple. I also know Tech was 7-10 in the Atlantic Coast Conference, and if you can't go .500 in your conference how dare you expect to be invited to a championship tournament? (Don't ask me about Seton Hall. Or how the Big East got six bids. Maybe Mike Tranghese has photos we don't know about.)

Here's who else we don't pick: Missouri, Arizona, UCLA. Los Chokos. See ya, wouldn't

wanna be ya. O.K., who do we like? Well, we love the College of

Charleston. (I'm applying to grad school at their Hilton Head campus to study lawn bathing.) It took courage for the NCAA to select the Cougars at 24-3 and deny a seventh Big East team a chance at the national title it so richly deserved.

We love legitimate sleepers teams seeded below No. 4 that could reach the Sweet 16: These include Wake Forest, Texas, Virginia and anybody playing in Missouri's portion of the draw.

We love players like Shon Peck- Temple. Love from Alabama, Ochiel Swaby of Central Florida, LaZelle Durden of Cincinnati, Tony (Boney) Mar-oney of Hawsii and Canonchet Ne-

Robinson Tops All-America List

Purdue's Glenn Robinson, the leading U.S. college basketball scorer, was a unanimous selection to The Associated Press All-America basketball leam, and California's Jason Kidd was named on all but one ballot.

They were joined on the first team by Donyell Marshall of Connecticut and Grant Hill of Duke, both three votes shy of unanimous, and Clifford Rozier of Louisville.

Robinson was the first unanimous selection since Christian Laettner of Duke in 1992. He averaged 30.3 points and 10.1 rebounds and shot 49 percent from the field, including 36 percent

from 3-point range.

Kidd was selected to the first team by 64 of the 65 voters on a national media panel and finished with 323 points, two behind Robinson. The sophomore guard, considered an outstanding defender, led the nation in assists at 9.1 per game but the other numbers showed his all-around game: 16.8 points, 6.8 rebounds and 3.1 steals.

Marshall, who had 319 points, is the first Huskie to be named to the first team. The junior forward led Connecticut to its highest ranking ever (No. 2) and the regular-season Big East championship. He

averaged 25.8 points and 8.9 rebounds, was named the league's player of the year and defensive player

Hill, a third-teamer last year and the national defensive player of the year, is the third straight first-team selection from Duke, two short of the record set by UCLA from 1971-75. The swingman was the only senior on the first team after getting 317 points. He averaged 17.3 points, 6.5 rebounds and 5.1 assists and did everything the team needed, from directing the offense to taking over the game at both ends of the floor.

Rozier 201 26 first-team votes and 198 points. The Metro Conference player of the year the last two seasons, Rozier averaged 19.1 points and 11.2 rebounds to lead the Cardinals to the league title.

The second team includes Jalen Rose of Michigan, Corliss Williamson of Arkansas, Khalid Reeves of Arizona, Eric Montross of North Carolina and Melvin Booker of Missouri. It was Montross's second year in a row on the second team.

The third team had Bryant Reeves of Oklahoma State, Lamond Murray of Cal, B.J. Tyler of Texas. Juwan Howard of Michigan and Damon Bailey of

ves of New Mexico. Don't forget DeJuan Wheat of Louisville, H Waldman (that's right, just H: I guess his folks were in a hurry) of St. Louis, Dugan Fife of Michigan, Shea Seals of Tulsa, apparently named after two baseball stadiums. and Dana Dingle of Massachu-

And now for some exotic combinations: The all-car Final Four: Blazers

University of Alabama-Birmingham), Broncos (Boise State), Bobcats (Southwest Texas St.) and Cougars (College of Charleston). The natural disaster Final Four. Flames (Liberty), Hurricanes (Tulsa), Waves (Pepperdine), Crimson Duke.

Tide (Alabama). Maryland) and the Big Dog. Pur-

due's Glenn Robinson. The ecumenical Final Four; Demon Deacons, Friars, Quakers,

The Men at Work Through the Ages Final Four: Boilermakers, Georgetown, George Washington, Final Four again. But he has anoth-Cornhuskers, Midshipmen, Lawrence Moten, Michael Smith. er familiar team winning it all.

The Kodak Final Four: Blue na (Mark Lindsay), Massachusetts Devils Orangemen, Cardinals and (Bee Gees), Nebraska (Bruce Devils, Orangemen, Cardinals and Springsteen), Kansas. the Rainbows The You Can Look It Up Final

Four: Hoyas, Billikens, Hoosiers, Hilltoppers. The Small Hideous Animals Fi-

nal Four: Gophers, Wolverines, Badgers, Razorbacks. The Predator Final Four: Gators, Pirates, Lobos, Dragons. The Snappy Military Uniforms Get the Girls Final Four: Cava-

liers. Minutemen, Midshipmen and North Carolina, because Alexander Julian designed them.

land, James Madison, UAB, weapons." This year, Carolina has

The all-Philly Final Four: Temple, Drexel, Penn, Rasheed Wal-

The all-D.C. Final Four: The Billboard Final Four: Arizo-

The Dropped Off the Face of The Earth Final Four: UNLV, St.

John's, N.C. State, LSU. The all-AAA Final Four: Central Florida, Southern Illinois,

Southwest Texas State, Western Kentucky. The Various States of Being Final Four: Providence, Liberry.

Wake, California.

And here, at the end of the column, something you can bank on: the prediction of Syracuse's Jim The all-Monarch Final Four: Boeheim. Boeheim is now two-for-Maryland, Georgetown, Louisville, two in this column — which could wke. get him into the White Sox outfield.

The all-Sutton, all-Gary, allBefore the tournament two years The all-dog Final Four: Huskies Lefty, all-Ricky, all-Bartow Final ago, Bocheim predicted, "Duke, by (UConn), Salukis (Southern Illi-Eight: Arkansas, Kentucky, Bosniles." Last year, Bocheim said, nois), Greyhounds (Loyola of ton College, Providence, Mary-North Carolina has too many even more weapons with fabulous freshmen Rasheed Wallace and Jerry Stackhouse, which is why the Tar Heels are on my dance card. Boeheim has Carolina going to the



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Isiah Thomas of the Pistons got his pass past the defensive efforts of the SuperSonics' Shawn Kemp.

Pistons Upset The Sonics

The Detroit Pistons pulled off one of the more stunning upsets of the season by beating the Super-Sonics, 89-87, in Seattle.

The SuperSonics entered the game with the NBA's best home record. 25-3, while the Pistons had the fifth-worst road record, 7-21. Detroit trailed, 86-80, with 2:30 left, but closed the game with a 9-1

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run to end Seattle's seven-game homecourt winning streak. Rookie Lindsey Hunter had five points during the spurt, and Terry Mills's long jumper from the corner with 43 seconds left proved to be

the game winner. Suns 119, Cavaliers 106: In Richfield, Ohio, Dan Majerle scored 34 points and Phoenix made 18 of 20 in the third quarter. Cleveland played without all three of its 1993 All-Stars — Mark Price (back spasms). Brad Daugherty (back injury) and Larry Nance (bad knee) - and lost its third in a row since matching the franchise record with 11 straight wins.

Knicks 88, Pacers 82: In New York, Patrick Ewing scored 26 points and Hubert Davis and Derek Harper made key plays.

The Knicks led, 70-57, late in the third quarter before a 19-4 run put the Pacers ahead, 76-74, with 5:03 left. Davis then put the Knicks ahead with a 3-pointer and Harper followed with a three-point play, making it 80-76 with 4:09 left.

Bulls 108, Magic 98: in Orlando, Florida, the ejection of Coach Phil Jackson sparked Chicago's 10-1 run at the end of the third quarter and the P is pulled away in the fourth.

Scottie Pippen scored 25 points, Horace Grant had 24, B.J. Armstrong 18 and Bill Wennington 16, including six in the game-turning run. The Bulls won for the third time in their last four games. Rockets 105, Trail Blazers 99: In

Houston, Hakeem Olajuwon had 41 points and the Rockets outscored Portland, 28-12, in the

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TORONTO—Sent Dennis Groy and Lee
Damiels, pitchers, to their minor-league comp

for reassignment.

National League

ATLANTA—Put Ron Gant, outfleider, an waivers for purpose of granting his unconditional release.

LA—Sent Billy Ashley, outfleider; Jarry

of Texas League.

N.Y. METS—Released Doug Dascenza. outfielder. Sent Juan Castillo, Pete Walker, Jaso nerier. Sent Juan Castilla, Pele Walker, Jason Jacome, Mike Remilinger, and Tom Wogmann, pitchers. Brooks Pordyce and Alberto Castilla, calchers. Alan Zinter, Quilvia Veras. Butch Huskev and Pabla Mortinez, infielders and Pat Howell and Tracy Sanders, autileiders, in their minor-league comp for reassignment.

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association BOSTON—Signed Tony Harris, guard, to 2d

BUS TON-Signed tally had its yout, is as 10-day contract.
CHICAGO—Put Will Perdue, center, on injured list. Activated Bill Cartwright, center, from intered list.
N.Y.—Put John Storks, guard, on injured list. Activated Eric Anderson, forward, from injured list.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI—Signed Louis Gliver, safely,
to 2-year contract. Cialmed John Brantley,
linebacker, off walvers from Washington,
L.A. RAIDERS—Signed Albert Lewis, corerbock. NEW ENGLAND—Signed Mike Kerr, line-

Selensive end.
HOCKEY
Notiques Hockey League
DALLAS—Sent Dave Barr, center, to Kalamazoo of the IHL. EDMONTON—Traded Dave Manson, delensemen, and a sixth-round pick in 1994 draft to Winnipeg for Mats Lindgren, center: Barts

oney, delensemen; and first- and tourth-nd picks in 1994 draft. N.Y. RANGE RS—Sent Coray Hirsch, soalle, to Binghormon of the AHL.

OTTAW—Signed Don Quinn, center.

PHILADELPHIA—Signed Chris Therien,
defensemen, to a 4-year contract and essigned him to Hershey of the AHL. Reculied
Tommy Soderstrom, goalle, from Hershey.
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Can't Check Everything

WASHINGTON — The CIA wife crying as they were handed the money." alleged spy Aldrich Ames who was arrested for whispering U.S. se-crets to the Russians. Critics of the Tarr. intelligence agency maintain that the chaps out at Langley should have known Ames was up to no good from his lifestyle, which was

than anything a CIA counterintelligence officer could afford. One of the

people assigned to investigate went Tarr. He told me, "In retro-

Buchwald spect, there were signs that Ames was not exactly what he appeared to be. But we had to take his word that he was straight, because he had taken an oath that he would uphold the law

"Weren't you suspicious when he started tooling around Northern Virginia in a Jaguar?" "He told us that he had won it at

an American Legion ball." "What about the \$540,000 in cash that he paid for a new house? Surely that should have raised a red

flag."
It did until he explained that he had won it in Ed McMahon's publisher's sweepstakes. He told us that he was as surprised as anyone when Ed showed up at the house and took pictures of Ames and his

French Curators Picked For 2 Major Art Shows

New York Times Service French curators will be in charge

Catherine David, 39, curator of the Galerie Nationale du Jeu de Paume in Paris, is to be the commis-sioner of "Documenta 10," the pres-was an honest mistake. We have sioner of "Documenta 10." the prestigious survey of contemporary art in Kassel, Germany, in 1997, Jean sure that it doesn't happen again." Clair, 54, an art historian who is director of the Musee Picasso in Paris, has been chosen commissioner of visual arts, the biggest part of the Venice Biennale, for 1995.

"You didn't pursue his story to see if it was true or not?" I asked

"Not exactly. But we did give Ames a party. There aren't many people at the CIA who win a mil-lion dollars for doing nothing." "Did Ames own a yacht?"

"We're looking into that. By itself it doesn't mean anything because we have a saying in the CIA — 'Just because a man buys a 60-foot boat for himself doesn't neces-sarily make him a double agent.' Tarr said defensively.

"Ted, apparently every time Ames was questioned about his wealth he had an explanation, including the story about his wife's extraordinary inheritance. Did anyone at the CIA think to check it

"Of course, we did. We insisted that Ames swear on a Bible. He did as we asked, and the Bible indicated that he was telling the truth. Believe me, we'll never take his word for anything again."
"Ted, is there any truth to the

rumor that Ames tipped his superiors \$100 every time they parked his car for him?"
"I don't think so. Word about

that would have gotten around the office pretty fast." "I still don't understand how

Ames was able to move so much money into different banks around the world without anyone finding out what he was up to.

"He did it on his lunch hour, and we never check on our agents when they go out to lunch. It wouldn't be

"Mrs. Ames is also allegedly a spy. Did anyone at the CIA question her lifestyle?"

of the next incarnations of Europe's two most important surveys of international contemporary art.

"A few people made comments about the designer jeans she wore to the CIA touch football games. Look, no one in the spy business is closed all the loopholes to make

"How's that?" "If you show up in the parking lot in a new Jaguar you have to submit to urinalysis before you can use the agency's caleteria.

Sweets Edison: This Is a Time to Reap

By Mike Zwerin Herald Tribun

DARIS - Harry Edison, who doesn't look a day over 70, I was born in 1915 and is one of the few signature players who go back that far. Come to think of it, take five more years off the appearance. Lester Young named him Sweets. He was wearing a ponytail and a pair of spanking snowwhite homeboy Reeboks, a gift from his daughter. A tiny 10-gram bar of Swiss "fine gold" and a golden Assumption amulet were on chains around his neck. Sweets named Frank Sinatra Sportin' Life.

This is Kilometer Zero. The lobby of his hotel underlooks Notre-Dame, directly up and across the quai. He was working in Le Caveau de la Huchette, a jazz cave from the old days around the corner which underlooks them both. Nothing underlooks Le Caveau de La Huchette, except maybe a catacomb. The place is packed with dancing tourists tooling clumsily around. Our hero has been on more heroic missions. Never mind, this is a time

After he heard Louis Armstrong for the first time, his mother bought him a trumpet for 50 cents down and a dollar a month. It took her 10 years to pay off the Getz music store in downtown Columbus, Ohio. He played his way out of Columbus with Alphonso Trent, into New York City with Lucky Millinder and he couldn't believe his luck to be hired by Count Basie for \$6 a night.

The first thing he did in New York was to look for his sound. It was a matter of pride to have your own signature. They don't bother with that sort of thing so much any more: "Society has changed, people are afraid to stand out from the crowd." His mellow voice resembles the sound he found: "Lester Young was my roommate with Basie. He had his own sound. Prez loved his own playing, yes he did. The old clicke goes that if you don't love yourself no one else is going to. Thousands of tenor saxophone players and one of them plays just one note and you say. That's Lester

Young. That's quite an achievement."

Sweets achieved his sound in Harlem. They jammed until noon after working until 4: "We were like scientists looking for a cure for something. After-hours joints were our laboratories. We injected our own ideas into some-body else's ideas. That way we gradually learned how to think for ourselves. Then we got to the place where we could play what we were thinking. Today people play what other people have already thought. They imitate rather than originate. It's easier.'

When he hears a young trumpet player trying to imitate him, he recommends imitating somebody else more successful: "I'm a firm believer in God, so I'm grateful, I will achieve what He has in store for me. But I don't think I achieved that much. There are a lot of things I never learned how to do. I'm still trying. Actually, the way I look at it is that when you're respected by peers you respect you're successful.'

Singers love to hear Sweets behind them. His distinctive vibrato sings in its own way, and he knows when to start and stop with one take. His muted, elegant, uncluttered and witty obligati framed Billie Holiday (often) and Nat King Cole and he was a trademark with Sportin' Life for 12 years.

Never having studied formally, Sweets had trouble reading Nelson Riddle's arrangements. He would ask the other trumpeters to help him decipher this or that. But nobody told him when to solo or stop. He was on his own. In more ways than one. He was the only black musician with Sinatra back when "that wasn't too kosher." When fought for your territory.



Trumpeter Edison: "When you're respected by peers you respect, you're successful."

promoters acted strange, Sinatra said: "If Sweets can't get a room in this hotel, there won't be a concert tonight." It may seem like condescension, but you use what you got. And he had already been well conditioned to that territo-"Tell me about it" he said.

Twenty years with Count Basie, as many as 275 onenighters a year, mostly in the South. Five shows a day for a week in the Apollo Theatre was virtually a vacation. And he was lucky, that was just about the only work a black musician could find. If he saw some sort of scene down the street, he would take a detour. He moved over when white people were occupying the sidewalk. When there was no other choice he used service entrances.

He tells about it: "I figured there will always be another night and another place. This may sound strange but suffering was a big reason why black players played with more expression in those days. Sure. Pain and suffering made you play better."

Not that he's recommending it, that's just the way he sees it: "Suffering gave you a certain intensity. Guys who start out today make \$500-\$600 a night. That's great, but they've got to find their emotion some other place. You don't learn suffering in school. It's more complicated now."

Imagine three straight days of insults, provocation, poverty, discomfort, bad food and not sleeping in a bed. All that fear and loathing in the segregated South. But the magic was such that with the first note he'd forget all of it. The thrill of sitting in Count Basie's trumpet section would rattle his bones. Fatigue was vanquished. It was not theoretical. There were no awareness seminars. You

"This doesn't look like 'One O'Clock Jump,' " he said later looking at the music, "and I've been playing it all my life." Trouble is he'd never seen One O'Clock Jump." Ever. Nothing had been written down. They were called head arrangements. During his first months. Sweets would still be sitting there with his born in his lap at the end of a tutti. If he tried to grab a note, he'd hear somebody else already playing it. He was so frustrated he put in his notice. But Basie said: "Don't worry. Sooner or later you'll find a note that nobody has. Just play that same note every night."

Times change, he learned to sight-read and worked in the studios, he no longer needed Sportin Life in order to stay in a decent hotel. Which is a good thing because he's traveling again. Recently in Cardiff, Wales, the band he found waiting for him included a streetcar conductor, a postman and a taxi driver. Fortunately, Sweets can play any standard in any key, the audience could not tell they'd never played together before. He's proud of being "professional," a word he pronounces often and with reverence. Being professional in Wales and sitting on top of Kilometer. Zero in Paris are not to he taken lightly.

Now his life is a series of long commutes, in the company of all-star old-timers or alone, often halfway around the world to play in underlooking places with postmen. He's been doing it for almost 60 years so he has friends wherever he goes. If he had it to do all over again. he wouldn't change a thing. Because everywhere he goes he sees people dragging themselves to their jobs. They can't wait to retire. He cannot understand people who are anxious to get old. He can't wait to play tonight.

PEOPLE

Pavarotti in Manila: Action-Packed Arrival

The arrival of Luciano Pavarotti in Manila triggered a brawl. As reporters swarmed around the opera star, a photographer grappled with one of the singer's aides and punched him on the jaw. The side retaliated by hurting his radio at the photographer. The concert has been / criticized as a needless extravagange. in a poor country. Top seats cont 25,000 pesos (\$900) each.

Leona Helmsley, the so-called Queen of Mean, is being blamed by several top executives for their dismissals over the last two months, Crain's New York Business reports. The dismissals coincide with Helmsley's release from prison after she served 21 months on a tax charge, but a spokesman for Helmsley de-nied that she ordered the firings.

Charles Kuralt, 59, the anchor of the CBS News program "Sunday Morning," has announced his re-tirement from the network on May l. after almost four decades on the

Toni Braxton won awards for best single and best album and Whitney Houston was named entertainer of the year at the eighth annual Soul Train Music Awards,

Dan Quayle, the former U.S. vice president, plans to write a weekly newspaper column for worldwide distribution, according to Creators Syndicate. Quayle's column, which will debut around May I, will cover national politics, world affairs and other topics.

The Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra under Finnish director Esa-Pekka Salonen begins a twoweek tour of four Asian cities this week, with the first of seven concerts in Taipei.

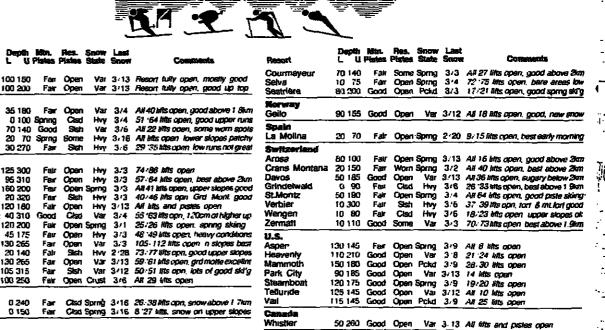
Veteran actor Tony Curtis, 68, launched the first British show of his paintings this week at the Catto Gallery in Hampstead. Sales have been brisk, the gallery says.

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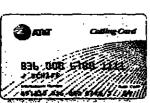
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